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Arab groupings represent a gathering of interests: Hamad

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE three Arab groupings represent a gathering of interests which their member countries have in common, and the GCC perceives the formation of the two new councils as positive steps leading to linking the joint interests of all Arabs, the Crown Prince of Bahrain, Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa told the Arab Times, in an interview.

He praised King Fahd's visit to Baghdad and Cairo as timely, saying the agreements signed between Iraq and Saudi Arabia underline the fact that Arab countries should never use force in solving disputes.

Sheikh Hamad said Bahrain hopes to reactivate its industrial sector by creating new industries, including tourism, adding that the regional security required for this will be ensured by the contributions of individual citizens as various activities are relocated from the public sector to the private sector. He said the industrial progress achieved by Saudi Arabia was an encouraging example in this respect.

Affirming that the Iraq-Iran conflict has indeed ended, Sheikh Hamad said the Gulf region is ripe for industrial development on an international scale. The role of government towards this aim lies in the areas of legislation, security, and diplomacy, he said, while it is up to the private sector to fulfil its responsibilities by strengthening the local economy and not relying on the international market.

Sheikh Hamad emphasised the importance of direct personal contact between Gulf leaders in resolving regional issues, saying this would in turn ensure the increased inter-linkage of people in the area.

Neither Iraq nor Iran have anything to gain by resuming a state of war, Sheikh Hamad said. Rather, the war to be waged now should be the war for development, he said, by patching up differences and strengthening mutual interests world-wide. The result could mean tapping into the wellspring of industrial production, he said, something the Gulf region is ready to do alongside the countries of South-east Asia.

The regional co-operation councils will help establish the economic integration needed for this, he said. With this in mind, Bahrain has begun to establish industries designed to meet the requirements of the entire Gulf region, Sheikh Hamad said.

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Legal CLINIC

THE Arab Times today starts a new weekly column, the Legal Clinic, for the benefit of readers who face legal problems. We invite both Kuwaitis and expatriates to send us questions that will be answered free of charge by our attorney. See page 4



Liverpool fans scream as they are pinioned against a crush barrier. (Reuter wirephoto)

170 injured, many in critical condition

94 die, soccer tragedy in UK

Limbs torn as people try to escape

SHEFFIELD, England, April 16, (Agencies): Ninety-four people, including many children, were crushed to death yesterday in Britain's worst-ever soccer stadium disaster, police said today.

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said in its early morning television news the death toll had risen to 108, but there was no confirmation from police or medical authorities.

Medical officials said one person died overnight at one of the hospitals that dealt with the hundreds of casualties rushed from the Hillsborough stadium in the north English city of Sheffield.

Most were crushed or suffocated after thousands of spectators surged forward, forcing victims against steel barriers. Limbs were torn from their sockets as people grabbed at fences in a desperate bid to escape.

South Yorkshire police superintendent Tony Pratt said today the casualty toll stood at 93 dead and 170 injured. Seventy-one people were still hospitalised today including 17 in intensive care, many in extremely critical condition. Hospital officials said it was too soon to say whether they would suffer serious brain damage if they survive.

Calling it "a disaster of immense proportions," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today that investigators would try to determine why the soccer fans were crushed to death during a match.

As Thatcher inspected the scene of disaster, lawmakers called today for banning the anti-riot fences that kept crowds from escaping when a crush of people crowded the soccer stadium.

"There will, of course, be a public inquiry," Thatcher said before going to see some of the injured fans. "It is a disaster of immense proportions, coming on top of previous disasters, coming on the top of many precautions which have already been taken, which clearly were not enough."

Prayers for the victims were said in many churches, outside the stadium, people came to lay flowers and teams scarves in memory of the dead. Some left weeping.

One bouquet said: "Soccer lovers of the world unite. Live in peace."

Government inspectors from the health and safety executive examined the fences and crush barriers at the Sheffield stadium.

Pope John Paul today sent his condolences to victims of the tragedy and the families "whose loved ones had left home for a day of relaxation and enjoyment."

The Vatican said the Pope sent a telegram through his Secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli to the leader of the Catholic church in England, Cardinal Basil Hume.

The surge occurred as police unwittingly opened what one newspaper headline called the "Gates of hell" to let in more than 1,000 people crowding a side-entrance.

There were screams of horror as young fans and children caught at the front of the stand were squashed helplessly against steel mesh, their faces turning blue from lack of oxygen.

Their voices were drowned by the shouts of rival supporters unaware of the drama unfolding across the stadium at the start of the match, a Football Association Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

"I was at the front and stuck up against the fence. There were railings down either side. It was like being in a cage," survivor Stuart McGeagh said.

"I thought I was going to die. I was getting short of breath... the weight on me was tremendous."

People on the outside claved at the wiring in a vain attempt to help those trapped. One couple described how they tried vainly to keep a young girl alive by giving her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation through the wiring.

"It seemed as if it was four deep in dead bodies with people climbing over them," witnesses Stuart McGeagh said.

Frenzied fans climbed over each other and clawed at fencing to reach safety. Helping hands pushed trapped youths over the spiked railings into the arms of waiting police. Others scrambled up walls to reach a balcony above.

A spokesman for Royal Hallamshire Hospital said some of the 80 patients treated there had limbs pulled out of their sockets.

"We can only assume people were trying to pull themselves out by grabbing hold of the person nearest," said spokesman Derek Hull.

"We were like caged animals in a zoo," said 17-year-old fan Mark Miller.

Wreaths and flowers were laid on the terraces as night fell and the ground's gymnasium was turned into a makeshift mortuary.

All Liverpool's remaining games this season have been suspended "for the time being" following the tragedy, Liverpool chairman John Smith said.

Smith emerged from an emergency meeting of the Liverpool board to announce the suspension of the team's playing schedule.



An injured fan is comforted by a rescuer. (Reuter wirephoto)

Assaulted Filipino maid may not survive

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times staff

A FILIPINO maid, who was brutally assaulted last Monday by her employer's wife, is in critical condition and may not survive, police and other sources said.

The case, registered with the Salmiya police station, is now in the hands of a prosecutor who has filed a case against the employer's wife, a Salmiya police station spokesman said. He declined to identify the attacker but said that if the maid survives the assault may be sentenced to at least five years in prison.

The maid, Maria Latrev-arona, 25, is now surviving with the help of an artificial respiration machine. The Filipina was brought to the Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital by a Salmiya police station patrol with broken ribs, bruises and extensive injury to her stomach. She was rushed to the operation theatre and has undergone several operations.

Information about what led to the assault was not immediately available to the police spokesman said the employer had previously lodged a complaint that the maid was not efficient.

This is only one of many cases which speaks of the troubled relationship between Filipino maids and their employers.

The embassy of Philippines in Kuwait says it receives 40 complaints a day from Filipinas working as domestics. The difficulties prompted the government of President Corazon Aquino in 1987 to stop Filipinas from taking domestic jobs in the Middle East. The ban reinforced in March 1988 has proved ineffective, an embassy spokesman said. Hundreds of Filipinas, lured by promises of attractive pay, weekly leave the country as tourists and head for the Gulf to work as housemaids," he added.

DAY BY DAY

INDEED, the Sheffield stadium incident in which 94 people died and more than 200 were seriously injured is a catastrophe.

The people died in a hair-raising manner when the fence fell on them. What would have been the reaction had this incident taken place in a Third World country? What would they have said about the contractor of the stadium and the quality of cement or steel used?

Let us just wait and see what the English do about this episode.

Zahed Matar

4 die in Sind riots

KARACHI, April 16, (Reuters): Pakistani troops were rushed to a dozen towns in Sind province yesterday after four people died in ethnic violence.

Three people were killed in Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's hometown of Larkana on Thursday, police said. Masked gunmen then shot dead a man and wounded two others in nearby Sukkur on Friday night.

Khomeini is purging Montazeri supporters

LONDON, April 16, (KUNA): Iran is suffering another "nationwide purge" as Ayatollah Khomeini takes his revenge against his former successor Ayatollah Montazeri, according to a report here today.

The Sunday Times newspaper pointed out that Khomeini had forced Montazeri to resign after they fell out over Salman Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses*.

Montazeri, 65, has been beaten up, and a number of his relatives detained, according to sources in Qom, his main power base, the paper claimed.

The Sunday Times said the purge is aimed at the "detention and rejection" of all pro-Montazeri elements from the "Army, the Revolutionary Guards, the administration, the universities and especially the clergy."

"The political crisis," as the weekly described it, was triggered after Khomeini had caused a worldwide reaction by "sentencing to death" Rushdie.

The paper revealed that Montazeri told Khomeini that he was "misled" over the Rushdie affair and that he could not condemn a book without having read it, and he could not condemn Rushdie to death without proving his guilt.

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Shelling causes havoc in Beirut

KUWAIT, April 16, (Agencies): An Arab League committee will invite all Lebanon's factions to Kuwait to present a solution to the country's constitutional crisis, its leader said yesterday.

Speaking to reporters, Kuwait Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad said: "The committee will soon hold an expanded meeting in Kuwait including all Lebanese factions to present a plan to them."

"The proposal was to be drawn up today during a meeting of the mediation committee's legal committee," he said.

The committee on Friday completed the fifth fact-finding meetings with the various parties to the dispute, which since September has left the country with two rival governments and no president.

Sheikh Sabah said that following the Lebanese talks the six-man mediation committee would invite Arab foreign ministers to meet to make arrangements to help implement the proposals.

Meanwhile thousands of shells, rockets and mortar bombs landed at a rate of 40 a minute hit buildings, houses, hospitals and factories across a huge area of Lebanon and set off scores of fires yesterday.

The shelling caused havoc in Beirut, mountain towns and remote villages as far away as the Syrian-held Bekaa valley in the east.

At least nine people were killed and 40 wounded in the fighting between Gen. Michel Aoun's Christian troops and an alliance of Syrian and Druze forces loyal to Acting Premier Salim Hoss, and civil defence workers expected the toll to rise.

An Italian tanker was hit by a shell eight miles (13 kilometres) off Beirut port, but there were no injuries, an Italian embassy official said.

Police said sporadic shelling duels intensified yesterday before sundown as gunners from both sides blasted Beirut and its surroundings. Four people were killed and 31 wounded, according to police figures.

Fourteen seriously wounded Christians were ferried to a French Navy hospital ship anchored off Beirut as a French humanitarian mission got underway, but it was unclear whether Muslims would participate.

A police spokesman speaking on condition of anonymity, said the French ship had dropped anchor in Lebanese waters 10 miles (16 kilometres) off the port of Jounieh, where visiting French Minister for Humanitarian Assistance Bernard Kouchner was supervising the mission, the police spokesman said.

The gunboat returned with "quantities of medicines" for hospitals in the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave, which includes East Beirut, the spokesman said.

The French embassy said in a statement "the ship is staying and... Bernard Kouchner is maintaining contacts with Acting Premier Hoss to receive another batch of the wounded."

The current violence erupted after Aoun ordered a blockade of militia-run ports along the Lebanese coast.

Gaza Strip residents confined to their homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 16, (Reuters): Gaza Strip residents were confined to their homes in case of unrest on the eve of today's first anniversary of the assassination of a top PLO leader in Tunis.

A curfew was also in force in parts of the West Bank, where Palestinians said troops shot dead a 23-year-old youth during a clash in the Dehaishe refugee camp near Bethlehem. Arab hospital officials confirmed the death.

It raised the toll to 434 Palestinians and 17 Jews killed since an uprising began in the Israeli-occupied territories in December 1987.

Leaders of the uprising called a "day of rage" today to mark the anniversary of the murder of PLO military commander Khalil Al Wazir, known by his nom de guerre Abu Jihad.

In the West Bank village of Beit Rima, about 100 members of the Palestinian Popular Army in green and black uniforms with hoods brandished axes, knives and clubs during a demonstration for Abu Jihad yesterday.

An Army spotter plane flew over and shortly after a helicopter and troops dispersed the protest, an eyewitness said. The youths scattered to hide in nearby olive groves, ripping off their uniforms as they ran.

The captain who led an Israeli border police raid on West Bank village Nahalin in which at least four Arabs were killed and 15 were wounded may be dismissed, a senior security source said today.

Imelda's days of comic tragedy can rival a soap opera

HONOLULU, April 16, (AP): Former Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos, faced with the prospect of standing trial alone on racketeering charges, describes her life these days as a "comic tragedy." But she remains optimistic that "someone will decide what's right and we will go home."

In some respects, indeed, Imelda's current problems would rival the plot of any soap opera. Her husband, Ferdinand, is dying in exile, her children are scattered across the world, her financial assets are frozen, loyal

employees face deportation, her mother-in-law lies unburied for nearly a year, she is charged with racketeering in the United States and accused of abuse in the Philippines and she cannot go home.

"The problems just overlap, one after another. But now, Ferdinand is alive. I am not in jail. So, there is hope," she said. "The whole trouble is that it (the Marcos case) ... has become such a monster that nobody wants to touch it with a 10-foot-pole. But I think someone will decide what's right and we will go home."

The Marcoses have been living in Honolulu since Marcos, who led the Philippines for two decades, was ousted in a popular uprising in 1986. Corazon Aquino, wife of a Marcos rival who was gunned down after returning to the Philippines from self-imposed exile in the United States, is now President of the island nation.

There are those who might sympathise with Imelda's present plight, but accuse her of creating her own problems.

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Imelda: woes

Aquino ignoring persecution of church

Catholic leaders angry over killings

MAHAYAG, Philippines, April 16, (AP): A Roman Catholic bishop told mourners at the funeral of a slain priest that President Corason Aquino, who rose to power with the support of Catholic leaders, is ignoring military persecution of the church.

"While President Aquino is being made more and more aware of the terrible human rights record of his government, she does not seem to fully accept the reality," the Rev. Antonio Tobias, bishop of Pagadian

Diocese, said during the funeral yesterday of Rev. Dionisio Malalay.

Malalay was gunned down April 6 in the nearby Mindanao Island town of Tabina along with Rufino Rivera, a town councilman.

Catholic leaders rallied to Aquino's 1986 election campaign. After a vote marred by fraud in which former leader Ferdinand Marcos claimed victory, Aquino announced a civil disobedience campaign that drew the support of the military.

Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, archbishop of Manila, appealed to the people to turn out in front of military camps to protect the mutineers. Hundreds of thousands heeded the call and Marcos was forced into exile in the United States.

But Catholic priests, nuns and bishops have been increasingly critical of Aquino for failing to deliver on her promise of championing social justice in her impoverished nation.

About 85 per cent of the country's 57 million people are Cath-

olic and Aquino is a devout Catholic.

Police say Malalay and Rivera were slain by a soldier and an anti-communist militiaman, both of whom were drunk, who have been arrested on charges brought at the urging of local church officials.

Abuses

Priests say the killings illustrate the abuses suffered by civilians at the hands of an unruly military. Military officials say the two victims were

killed during an argument and that the case had nothing to do with politics.

The military faces insurgencies by both communist and Muslim guerrillas on Mindanao Island. In December, Amnesty International reported a "pattern of torture" and human rights violations by military and paramilitary units as part of their campaign against communist rebels.

Tobias said nine priests and lay workers have been slain in the Philippines since 1987.

Bangladesh prays for rain as heat burns crops

DHAKA, April 16, (Reuters): Millions of Bangladeshis thronged into mosques, temples and pagodas today to offer special prayers for rain as scorching heat burned cropfields and cut drinking water supplies.

Religious leaders said they prayed to God to be merciful and to bestow enough water to wet the baking earth.

Bangladeshis view the fact that the Bengali new year on Friday passed off for the first time in living memory without rains as a bad omen.

"Something is definitely wrong with nature," said a meteorologist at Dhaka Weather Office.

Agriculture officials said more than one million hectares (2.5 million acres) of jute and rice had already dried up in the northern districts of Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Rangpur and Dinajpur.

Thousands of acres more have turned grey or become diseased because of lack of water, they told reporters.

Weather officials said temperatures approaching 40 degrees Centigrade (110 Fahrenheit) dried up many canals, wells and even some rivers, causing a serious water shortage.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two blacks killed

JOHANNESBURG, April 16, (Reuters): Two black men were stabbed to death when a crowd of blacks attacked a house in Ntamatlala township, near the Natal provincial capital Pietermaritzburg, police said today.

A daily police report on political unrest also said a man was seriously injured in a township knife attack near Natal's port city of Durban.

Supersonic speed records

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 16, (AP): A Concorde jetliner with 91 tourists aboard will take off for Kenya tomorrow in its quest to set supersonic speed records, airline officials said today.

The British Airways plane landed at Colombo airport at 1.32 pm (0802 GMT) yesterday after a flight from Perth, Australia, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

They said the plane was scheduled to take off for Mombasa, Kenya, at 11.30 am (0600 GMT) tomorrow.

Vietnamese refugees land

MANILA, Philippines, April 16, (AP): A total of 240 Vietnamese refugees in two groups have sailed into Philippine waters in the last nine days, the military and press reports said today.

A naval police patrol rescued a group of 149 refugees on April 8 off the coast of Mariveles in Bataan, 40 miles (64 kms) southwest of Manila across Manila Bay, the official Philippine News Agency reported.

Museums guard arrested

VATICAN CITY, April 16, (AP): A man employed as a guard in the Vatican museums was arrested and charged with selling cocaine, the news agency ANSA reported yesterday.

Police detectives shadowed Giulio Giacomini, 27, for several days before arresting him Friday night as he was handing a client a small bag containing 50 grammes (1.75 ounces) of cocaine, ANSA said.

Fire injures 29

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, April 16, (AP): A fire at a warehouse injured 29 people and nearly spread to a chemical storage facility before it was put out by thousands of firefighters, soldiers and workers, a news agency said yesterday.



Residents display pictures of victims killed in clashes between troops and demonstrators as they participate in a funeral procession through Tbilisi, Georgia's capital. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chemical used by troops

Moscow march planned

MOSCOW, April 16, (AP): Activists plan to demonstrate today to demand a full investigation of bloody clashes between soldiers and pro-independence demonstrators in Soviet Georgia and dismissals of senior police and KGB officials.

Announcing the planned Moscow demonstration, the activists said yesterday that three of at least 19 demonstrators killed on April 9 fell victim to a chemical used by troops wading into a pro-independence rally.

One of the activists also alleged that authorities, before they broke up the rally in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi, had advised local hospitals to expect casualties.

Galina P. Kornilova, a writer from Moscow, said she was in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi for

the week of protests and gathered information from witnesses.

She said hospitals were told to prepare for casualties two hours before the soldiers began to forcibly clear out demonstrators.

Georgian officials have said they did not expect fatalities when they ordered an end to the rallies in downtown Tbilisi.

Officials said 19 people died in the clash, but Georgian nationalists have put the death toll at up to 50.

Kornilova also said three people died from the spraying or injection of a chemical. Dr Mirab Urushadze at the Central Republican hospital in Tbilisi confirmed in a telephone interview that a number of people had been hospitalized from the effects of the unknown gas but said he knew of no deaths.

Thousands of Chinese mourn death of Hu

BEIJING, April 16, (Reuters): Large crowds of students mourned today the death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang, pasting up hundreds of posters on Beijing campuses calling for freedom and democracy in China.

Banners hung out of windows, wreaths were placed over doorways and students squeezed together in silence to copy down texts of posters — political and poetic — which have appeared since Hu's death yesterday.

Students said it was the largest outpouring of discontent at Beijing's restless campuses since late 1986 when nationwide demonstrations calling for democracy

led to Hu's downfall.

They were not sure whether Hu's death would lead to more demonstrations.

"There is enormous pressure and control from the authorities. Some students want to demonstrate but there is no leadership," one student said.

Plainclothes police watched but did not intervene while small groups of students placed wreaths at the foot of the monument to revolutionary heroes in central Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Hu, a liberal reformist backed by many of China's intellectuals, was removed as party leader in January 1987.

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Lanka welcomes peace talks offer

Tigers told to send representatives

COLOMBO, April 16, (AP): Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa today responded to a militant Tamil offer to talk peace by asking their main political leader to send representatives to meet him, official sources said.

Evans Cooray, press secretary at the presidential secretariat, said a message has been conveyed to Anton Balasingham, political leader of the Tamil Tigers, asking him to nominate accredited representatives to talk with Premadasa.

Cooray said the message signed by K. H. A. Wijayadasa, secretary to the President, addressed to Balasingham read:

"Your message to have a dialogue with the President of Sri Lanka is very much appreciated. He has instructed me to request you to nominate accredited representatives to discuss necessary arrangements to facilitate the dialogue anywhere in Sri Lanka."

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the dominant separatist group fighting for a separate Tamil state, yesterday agreed to talk with Premadasa.

The Tigers in a statement to the President that was telecast to news agencies in Colombo yes-

terday said: "We wish to inform you that we are prepared to accept your open invitation to talks to us. We hope that you will make the necessary arrangements to facilitate a dialogue."

A Tiger leader in Colombo early today said he met Premadasa at Anuradhapura, 165 kilometres (103 miles) north of Colombo, and personally conveyed the Tiger message.

The leader, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the President was very receptive and was keen to start the dialogue as soon as possible.

The efforts for talks between the government and the Tigers came amid continued violence which left at least 79 people dead since Thursday.

A car bomb explosion Thursday killed 45 people in eastern Trincomalee, 21 Sinhalese soldiers were killed yesterday in an ambush in north-central Welioya, 12 Tamils were killed in another car bomb explosion in northern Jaffna and a Sinhalese soldier was killed yesterday in the south.

The Tigers today claimed responsibility for the ambush of the 21 Sinhalese soldiers and the car bomb explosion in Jaffna, but

denied involvement in other attacks.

Tamils, mostly Hindus and comprising 18 per cent of the island's 16 million people, accuse the majority Sinhalese Buddhists of discrimination.

Neighbouring India brokered a peace accord in July 1987 aimed at ending the ethnic conflict, which has claimed more than 8,500 lives. But most hardline Tamil guerrillas rejected the peace pact, claiming it does not meet the aspiration of a Tamil homeland.

India has sent more than 40,000 troops to Sri Lanka to enforce the peace accord.

Sinhalese extremists, accusing the government of giving too many concessions to the Tamils in the peace accords, started assassinating Sinhalese officials and demanding the withdrawal of the Indian troops.

Meanwhile, the presidential secretariat said in a communique today that some 7,000 Indian peacekeeping troops will use Colombo harbour to leave for India as soon as possible.

Since early this year about 7,000 soldiers have left the island on a request by Premadasa.

Police step up search for man who killed 7

SONOMA, Calif., April 16, (Reuters): Police following a trail of killings believed to be the work of a Mexican winery worker have found two of his baby daughters stabbed to death and a third with her throat cut.

The deaths, discovered yesterday, brought the number of killings so far to seven as police in helicopters and at roadblocks stepped up their search for the suspected killer, 28-year-old Ramon Salcido.

The suspect is armed and extremely dangerous, and everyone is in danger at this point," Sonoma county sheriff Richard Michaelson said. "Certainly Ramon Salcido is not going to give up easily."

Police, led by an anonymous telephone caller to a quarry used as a dump site near Petaluma, 30 miles (50 km) north of San Francisco, found the bodies of Salcido's two-year-old daughter, Teresa, and her four-year-old sister, Sophia. Their sister, Carmina, three, had a six-inch (15 cm) slash across her throat and was rushed to a local hospital.

Stable

Police said Carmina told them her father had slashed her throat and left her with her sister on the site early yesterday morning. A man searching for valuables said he found the girls in a gully.

Carmina was listed in stable condition after undergoing an operation.

Among the five earlier victims was her mother, Angelina, who police said had been shot dead in the family home at Boyes Hot Springs, north of San Francisco.

Salcido was described by neighbours as a heavy-drinking, hot-tempered man who was insanely jealous about his wife — one of the first victims on Friday — and had threatened to "blow the head off" anyone who made approaches to her.

Police said they believe Salcido has switched cars several times in an attempt to reach Mexico. A car found in the Sonoma area and believed used by Salcido contained a semi-automatic gun and the door was smeared with blood, police said.

The rampage began when Salcido, who worked at the Grand Cru winery in Sonoma county, 50 miles (80 km) northeast of San Francisco, was alleged to have shot and wounded a winery supervisor, Kenneth Butti.

500 SWAPO rebels back from Namibia

LUANDA, April 16, (Reuters): More than 500 SWAPO guerrillas from northern Namibia have been moved to positions north of the 16th Parallel in Angola under a week-old withdrawal agreement, the official Angolan news agency Angop said today.

Angop quoted Angolan Defence Minister Colonel-General Pedro Maria Toshia as telling reporters in the southern city of Lubango yesterday that fighters of the South West Africa People's Organisation were continuing to cross from Namibia.

Dutch accuse Soviets of stepping up spying

THE HAGUE, April 16, (AP): Dutch Interior Minister Cees van Dijk has accused the Soviet Union of stepping up espionage efforts in the NATO nation, where Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev enjoys vast popularity, a Dutch newspaper reported yesterday.

Soviet spies "are especially targeting the young generation of diplomats, people in the student movement and entrepreneurs in high-technology industries," van Dijk said in an interview with the Rotterdam newspaper Algemeen Dagblad.

"The espionage activities of the Soviet Union have demonstrably increased," said van Dijk, whose ministry runs the domestic Security Service. The Netherlands' main counter-espionage agency.

Last week, the government confirmed it had expelled a Soviet shipping agent, identified as G.S. Karpenchikov, for trying to bribe Dutch officials into disclosing classified information.

Although he was officially stationed in Amsterdam, the Soviet official had been working mostly in Rotterdam, the world's largest port and major shipping point for secret high-technology equipment.

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Austria reels at the tale of hospital killings, but life goes on

VIENNA, April 16, (AP): In the wards and corridors of Lainz Hospital, the routine business of medicine goes on unchanged. Beds are made, patients fed, injections given.

But the hospital — and all of Austria — has been shaken by the course medicine took in Pavilion Five. Four nurses took from that unit have confessed to killing at least 49 helpless, elderly patients with overdoses of

medicine or by holding their tongues and pouring water into their lungs.

"I wasn't surprised, I wasn't horrified, I just couldn't imagine how it happened," said Hildegard Fach, head of the National Union for Nurses and Nurses' Aides.

"It's incomprehensible," she said in an interview. "Everywhere I go, colleagues are saying,

"can you imagine?"

Since news of the killings broke last weekend, Dr Franz Pesendorfer, who ran the first medical department and was responsible for overseeing the nurses' aides, has been suspended.

At first, the reports of what happened in Pavilion Five seemed too fantastic even for tabloid newspapers whose standard fare is lurid tales of sex and crime.

The Neue Kronen Zeitung, Austria's largest circulation daily, carried only a small story when the news broke on April 7.

By last Sunday, April 16, after four nurses admitted killing at least 44 patients, the daily paper devoted seven pages to the story.

Leaks to the news media revealed such graphic detail about the killings that Vienna police chief Guenter Boegl reluctantly con-

firmed the stories at a news conference last Sunday.

As the shock sank in, citizens grew angry and distrustful of Vienna's health service.

Fach said she hoped the killings at Lainz will prod public officials to allocate more money so hospitals can hire enough qualified nurses.

"People in Austria... will have to realise that health costs money, and that you can't scrip-

here," she said.

Fach and other medical officials have said repeatedly that because of a shortage of nurses Vienna hospitals often violate regulations barring nurses' aides from giving patients drug injections.

In Austria, doctors have the main responsibility for giving patients injections, and are supposed to delegate the chore to registered nurses only in dire

emergencies.

Waltraud Wagner, the plump, 30-year-old nurse, aide, blamed by investigators for most of the Lainz killings, reportedly "put to rest" many of her elderly patients with injections of insulin, tranquilizers or other medicine, authorities have said.

The Vatican newspaper expressed outrage yesterday at the killings but said all of society shared the blame.

Scientists differ on cold fusion experiment

BOSTON, April 16, (AP): Two rival theories explaining startling recent experiments in nuclear fusion have emerged from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — one that says the experiments may lead nowhere, and another that offers some hope for limitless supplies of energy.

MIT Professor Keith Johnson speculates that the experiments depend primarily on a chemical reaction, rather than a nuclear one, offering little hope for a clean new source of electrical power.

His colleague Peter Hagelstein, working independently, postulates that fusion is taking place and results from the unusual properties of the precious metal palladium and from sub-atomic behaviour known as "quantum tunneling." If so, it is at least theoretically possible the process could be harnessed for electric power.

Chemists at the University of Utah caused a sensation last month when they said they had found a way to merge, or fuse, the nuclei of hydrogen atoms at room temperature.

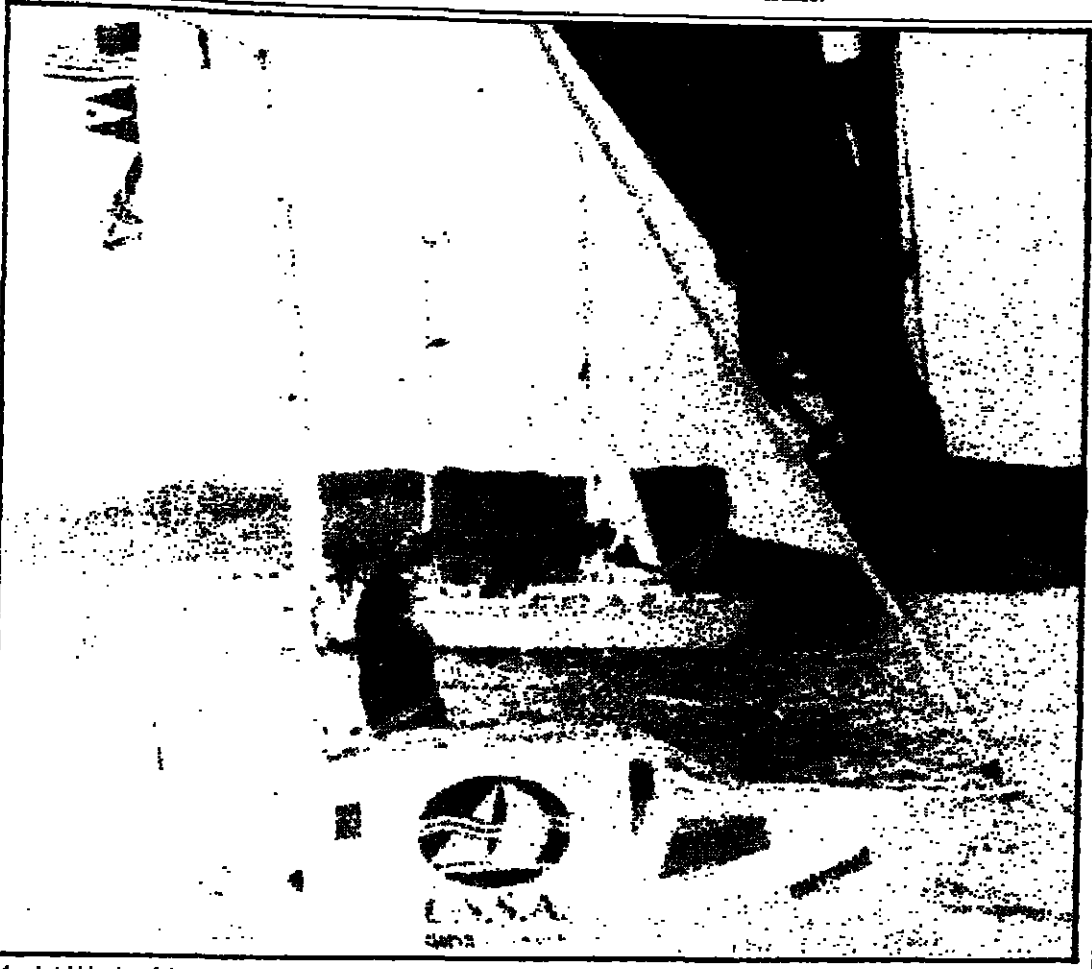
They said they had produced nuclear fusion in heavy water, which contains the hydrogen isotope deuterium, in a process that generated four times more power than it used.

Nuclear fusion, which fuels the sun and the stars, is regarded by scientists as having enormous potential as a clean, efficient energy source. Unlike nuclear fusion, which splits atoms, fusion leaves little radioactive waste.

In the view of Johnson, a 52-year-old materials science professor, the conditions used in the Utah experiment permit atoms of hydrogen and deuterium to be tightly bound together in the crystal lattice structure of the palladium.

The hydrogen and deuterium atoms form chemical bonds and begin vibrating at very high frequencies, producing heat.

"Some of the nuclei occasionally get close enough together that they actually fuse, but the large bulk of the heat that is produced is not associated with the fusion," he said Friday.



Kenichi Horie of Japan waves as he sails under the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco Bay on Saturday as he starts out on a 6,500-mile voyage solo across the Pacific in his nine-foot fibreglass boat. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ritual slayings Manhunt for two drug cult leaders

MATAMOROS, Mexico, April 16, (UPI): US authorities concentrated yesterday on the manhunt for two leaders of a drug trafficking cult blamed for the mutilation slayings of 13 people found buried at a ranch near Matamoros, while Mexican investigators searched for evidence at a second area ranch.

Federal prosecutors in Mexico last night said authorities were combing the grounds of a ranch called Los Leones 30 miles (48 km) south of Matamoros, but did not elaborate on the nature of the evidence they were searching for.

Mexican authorities, in charge of the investigation at the cult's Santa Elena ranch, 20 miles (32 km) west of Matamoros, and US officials both said yesterday they believe the 18 bodies already found in shallow graves on Tuesday and Thursday included all of the victims.

"At this point, we have no reason to believe there are any more," US customs agent Oran Neck said.

With that development, the primary law enforcement effort turned to the two-country manhunt for 13 suspects, including the cult's El Padrino, or "godfather", Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, 26, of Brownsville, Texas, and Sara Aldrete, 24, possibly Constanzo's lover who was identified in confessions by some of the suspects as the main recruiter of new members for the cult.

Mexican authorities told US officials yesterday they searched a Mexico city apartment belonging to Constanzo and found an altar similar, to ones found in a wood shack at the Santa Elena ranch and in Aldrete's Matamoros home, Neck said.

Votive candles, blood and children's clothing were found near the altars at both suspects' homes, Neck said. Authorities said they had no reason to believe any children other than a 14-year-old youth whose body was recovered were harmed.

A Catholic memorial service was held in Hitchcock, Texas, yesterday for one of the victims, Mark Kilroy, a University of Texas pre-med student who disappeared during spring break.

US and Mexican authorities have issued arrest warrants for Constanzo and Aldrete and 11 other people suspected of participating in the sacrifices, the smuggling ring or both.

US authorities said another four people, who were not immediately identified, likely would be named in arrest warrants early next week.

Neck has said the investigation might eventually uncover two or three dozen members of the drug ring, but he said he remains convinced only a dozen were involved in the slayings.

He also said he remains convinced authorities soon will find ringleaders Constanzo and Aldrete.

"I have never seen such massive publicity on anything. I've gotten calls from all over the world," Neck said. "Everybody knows what they look like. It's pretty hard to hide in this world. It's a hell of a manhunt."

The four suspects, arrested today at the ranch during a drug bust by Mexican federal police that led to the uncovering of the grisly sacrifices and cult rituals, originally said 14 people had been killed. Subsequent interviews, however, indicated 13 would be the final number.

The cult gang has maintained a high-security safe house, drove luxury cars and planted a garden to spruce up the neighbourhood, police and neighbours said.

Embarking on return voyage 27 years after

BELVEDERE, California, April 16, (UPI): The first Japanese sailor to cross the Pacific Ocean alone embarked on his return voyage yesterday, nearly 27 years after his pioneering solo trip.

Kenichi Horie sailed out of the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere at 10 am and was to arrive back home in Japan in less than four months.

Horie hoped to make the 6,700-mile (10,780-km) trip in 100 days in a high-tech craft slightly larger than a bathtub. The "Mermaid" is only nine feet, two inches (2.8 m) long and has a beam of 6 feet (1.8 m). It has a single sail.

He planned to ride on trade winds to the north of Hawaii, then up the Kuroshio current to his homeland. His boat has a top speed of 4.5 knots, and he hoped to average about 2.5 knots — making it a very slow boat.

Roll

It is stable, however. It's unusual design — nearly as wide as it is long — enabling it to roll in heavy seas up to 40 degrees without tipping over.

"She sails just as fast sideways as she does ahead," said yachtsman Joe Knowles at the Yacht Club, where Horie has been readying for his trip for nearly a month.

Horie was confident his boat would not capsize.

"We are Buddhists," Horie said. "We believe in God. We also believe in Hewlett Packard," he joked, noting that the boat was designed with the help of an HP computer in Tokyo.

Horie, 50, said he is challenging the Pacific again for the same reason he made the first solo sail from Japan in 1962.

Blue blood in red country

MOSCOW, April 16, (AP): Prince Edward of Britain arrived yesterday for a three-day visit connected with the staging of a play by a British theatre troupe in the Soviet capital.

The 25-year-old prince will attend a presentation of T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" today. The play is being staged by Britain's National Youth Theatre, of which Edward is a patron.

The prince also works as a theatre production assistant with composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful theatre company.

Edward, the youngest child of Queen Elizabeth II, arrived in Moscow on a special aircraft of the Queen's flight, and was greeted at Sheremetyevo-I airport by Soviet and British dignitaries. He attended the ballet " Giselle" at the Bolshoi last night.

Need for daily dose of sex

Jackie offered to divorce JFK

NEW YORK, April 16, (UPI): A new book on Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis by noted biographer C. David Heymann said the former first lady offered to divorce President John F. Kennedy so Marilyn Monroe could marry him — but only if Marilyn would move into the White House.

The offer was made to Monroe on the telephone during a call initiated by the actress, the book quoted the first lady's brother-in-law, actor Peter Lawford, as saying. Jackie blamed Frank Sinatra for the call, and as a result he was persona non grata at the White House, Lawford added.

The book, "A Woman Named Jackie," took Heymann five years to research and write and is based on 825 interviews made in spite of Mrs Onassis's active opposition to its publication. It will be published May 1 by Lyle Stuart, which sold pre-publication serialisation rights to Star magazine for 60,000.

According to the first of six instalments published in the Star, Jackie was painfully aware of President Kennedy's need for a "daily dose of sex" and his usual success in obtaining it from women, often arranged far in advance by associates, including Secret Service men assigned to him.

It was not, however, an important issue with her because she was reared in a family of ladies' men, the book says. She had her own fantasy lovers, the book quotes author Truman Capote as saying, including French Cultural Minister Andre Malraux, Dr Christian Bernard, Henry

Kissinger, Alistair Cooke, Cary Grant and Rudi Nureyev.

Whether or not her affairs were more than fantasies is not specified, although the installment mentions gossip that she was involved with one of her secret service agents and quotes a Palm Beach, Fla., limousine service driver as saying he picked her up one night with a man "looking very sweet, holding hands, misty eyed."

Monroe, involved with the President and accustomed to telephoning him at the White House, told Lawford one day she had phoned "Jackie."

"According to Marilyn, Jackie wasn't shaken by the call," Lawford told Heymann. "Not outwardly. She agreed to step aside. She would divorce Jack and Marilyn could marry him, but she would have to move into the White House. If Marilyn wasn't prepared to live open in the White House, she might as well forget about it."

"Actually Jackie was infuriated by the call, and for some reason blamed Frank Sinatra for it. ... Sinatra was no longer welcome at the White House, or in any of the other Kennedy bastions."

The book also says to rest an old rumour that Mrs Kennedy accepted \$1 million from her father-in-law, Joseph P. Kennedy, to stay married to Jack. Lawford is quoted as saying, "there was a meeting, but there was no such offer. In fact, when Jackie saw the story, she telephoned Joe and said, 'why only one million dollars, why not 10 million?'"

Critical report

Pan Am's security misguided

LONDON, April 16, (AP): Pan Am has refused to disclose to US investigators details of a critical review of its own security carried out by hired consultants two years ago, the observer newspaper reported today.

The weekly said it had obtained sections of the report by the Israeli security consultants KPI, which it said criticised what it called Pan Am's "misguided security concept" and warned the airline was "highly vulnerable to most forms of terrorism."

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The newspaper said KPI, commissioned in 1987 at a cost of \$460,000, recommended security improvements on Pan Am airlines.

Exxon clean-up plan 'encouraging'

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 16, (AP): The commander of the US Coast Guard said yesterday he was encouraged by Exxon's plan to clean up the vast stretches of Alaskan shoreline that were contaminated by oil after one of the company's tankers ran aground.

Meanwhile, the spill spread in several directions, forcing the closure of a herring fishery and raising fears that bears would be poisoned by oil-tainted animal carcasses in Katmai National Park.

Despite the grim reports, Coast Guard Adm. Paul Yost emerged from a meeting with Exxon officials saying he was optimistic about the firm's long-awaited plan, which he had demanded be submitted

by yesterday.

"It appears to be a piece of work that's well thought-out, scientifically and operationally, and I'm very encouraged," said Yost, who has predicted the cleanup would extend through the summer.

He said he would not approve the 20-page plan until he had examined it over the weekend, and though it likely would take two or three weeks to fully implement it.

Alaska Department on Environmental Conservation commissioner Dennis Kelo, who had criticised Exxon harshly for failing to produce the plan earlier, also attended the meeting. He said he would brief Gov. Steve Cowper this weekend.

People and places

Rock's big sex symbol

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, April 16, (AP): Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton says he is surprised fans and writers see him as a sex symbol.

At age 20, Sexton has a hit video with the single "Don't look back" and has played for such luminaries as the clash, Keith Richards, Ron Wood, Don Henley and Bob Dylan.

Various publications have referred to Sexton, with his black pompadour, pallid complexion and pouty lips, as rock's next big sex symbol.

"I really don't pay much attention to all that. I was a bit surprised by it all. I always thought I looked ordinary to tell you the truth," the plain-spoken Texan said in an interview published by the Nashville Tennessean.

Why me, lord?

STOCKHOLM, April 16, (AP): Sammy Davis Jr. signed copies of his newly published autobiography and declared he is in his prime.

"I sing better now than I have ever done before," Davis told reporters on Monday. The 63-year-old entertainer said time has made him "more content within myself."

A Swedish-language version of Davis' book was released to coincide with the stop of "the ultimate event" tour by Davis, Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli. The book, "Why Me?" will be published in the United States in May.

"When something terrible happens, you ask yourself why me, lord? Why me? Why not pick on somebody else? That's the way I felt 25 years ago. The last 20 years or so, I find myself with all the positive things happenings, so I ask myself — Why me?"

'Nut collection' at the MIT

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, (AP): Cyrus T. Reed never became another Einstein, but then he theorized that people are actually living inside earth.

Reed's hypothesis did win him a place in the archives of useless research, though. It is among some 200 books, drawings and pamphlets that are known affectionately as the "nut collection" at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Archivist Kathy Marquis says the crackpot theories do not clash with the serious quest for scientific knowledge for which MIT is known.

"We want to collect basically not only what worked but what didn't work," she said.

Most of the mainly self-published works are far away from scientific validity, but their authors did not lack for ambition. Titles include "The fact of all life," "Beyond Einstein" and "Why life exists and allied subjects."

Latin music in Japan

HONOLULU, April 16, (AP): Latin entertainer Charo has left Las Vegas for Waikiki and is learning Japanese so she can entertain tourists from across the Pacific.

"They love Latin music in Japan," she said. "Maybe the Japanese will love me, too."

Charo, who owns restaurant on the island of Kauai, opened her act on Monday at the Hilton Hawaiian village hotel in Waikiki.

Charo is married to Swedish-born television producer Kjell Rasten and has an eight-year-old son, Shel, with whom she wants to spend more time.

Six get life term for Mafia murders

PALERMO, Sicily, April 16, (AP): A court yesterday sentenced six men to life in prison for several Mafia murders but acquitted Michele "The Pope" Greco, an imprisoned mob leader, in a trial of 121 defendants.

The acquittal of Greco and several other reputed Mafia leaders appeared to indicate that

the jury, which included the judge, did not accept prosecutors' allegations that the murders were ordered by a "Cupola" or executive commission, of the Sicilian-based organized crime group.

Much of the indictment was based on testimony from a top mafioso-turned-informer, Tommaso Buscetta, whose accounts helped to convict Greco and

other leading Mafia figures in other trials, in addition to convicting defendants in US trials.

The convictions and sentences were issued yesterday after 10 days of deliberation in the nearly yearlong trial at Palermo's criminal court. It was Palermo's third "maxi" trial against the Mafia, the organized crime group based on the island of Sicily.

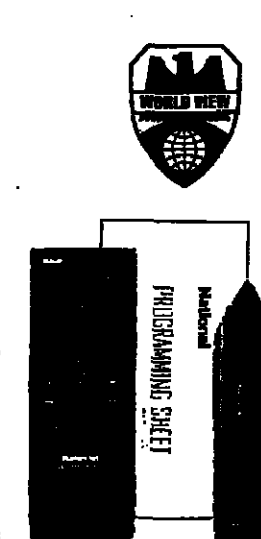
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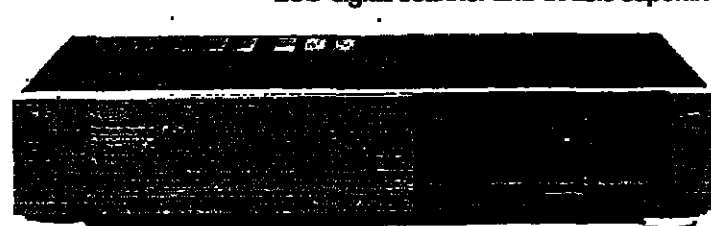


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Councils link joint interests of Arabs

GCC opinion is now respected

Following is the full text of an interview with Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa the Emir Apparent and Minister of Defence of the State of Bahrain.

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

YOUR Highness, what is your opinion towards the new Arab Co-operation Council and the Maghreb Union?

Initially, there were some fears from the Arab people that the establishment of such a council was intended as a form of alliance. Similar fears were expressed when the GCC was formed. There is no basis for such fears, as the so-called roles no longer exist after the downfall of the former Shah of Iran. This is borne out by the fact that a super-power searched for someone to play the role of the Shah — but there were no takers. This was further substantiated when the superpowers during the Iran-Iraq war played their role by themselves through the presence of their naval forces in the Gulf waters to directly defend their interests.

Obviously, no one is ready or willing to become a watchman for the interests of others. Thus, the Arab councils are in essence a gathering of interests which link them together.

We, at the official level at the GCC, look to such Arab councils from the standpoint that these are positive steps all leading to linking the joint interests of the Arabs.

The Arab League could have played a vital role in this respect, but for the many obstacles it met with which led to the formation of various Arab councils.

We view such councils as alliances gathering Arab interests in the realm of language unity and not as representing international interests. Thus, instead of similar Arab interests being distributed to 21 countries, they are contained in only three alliances.

Your Highness, what is the position of the GCC from the ACC and the Maghreb Union?

The new Arab councils stem from the concept of the GCC. Thus the GCC has been seen as an example of others to follow. This will benefit the Arab cause. We have been calling for the unification of Arab interests and the creation of integration.

With the presence of the Arab councils, do you think that the GCC now requires to be developed and to be more dynamic?

Precisely, I was thinking on similar lines. Co-operation

among Arab Gulf states requires to be more dynamic. HH the Amir of Kuwait proposed the idea of forming a parliament or a legislative council for the GCC at the GCC summit in Bahrain. If this idea is put into practice, it will give us the required dynamic movement, particularly when the two Arab councils began from where the GCC started.

Among the GCC capabilities is their high level of international acceptance and exposure. The six GCC member states have presented themselves as one negotiating body.

Our opinion is now respected and has a good value in the international arena. The countries of the other Arab councils similarly enjoy good features like huge populations and other positive factors.

How do you evaluate the visit of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to both Baghdad and Cairo and how do you explain the agreements signed between Saudi Arabia and Iraq?

The timing of the visit of King Fahd to both Baghdad and Cairo specially after the announcement of the formation of the ACC, is excellent.

Your RH let us talk about the comprehensive features of the forthcoming economic stage in Bahrain.

The economic situation in Bahrain is improving and has surmounted the stage of economic retreat. We had recently debated in the cabinet the possibility of reactivating the national private sector and denationalising of some governmental installations gradually. Currently we are talking seriously about reactivating the industrial sector by creating new industries.

We in Bahrain are pleased about the industrial progress achieved in Saudi Arabia and see the Saudi experiment as an important one which provides the GCC markets as well as other foreign markets in Europe, Africa and may be in South Eastern Asia with its products.

We hope that if the private sector is encouraged, it will be able to create new industries, particularly if the government has an integrated scheme for co-ordination among current industries.

Bahrain has also to implement the tourism sector, as Bahrain is historically distinguished by its

distinct location in the Gulf and in view of the security and stability which prevails in the region.

Who will play that role, governments, individuals or companies, in other words the public or private sector?

Following full development of the GCC basic structure, the current improvement of oil revenues and stability in the area, the role of the governments now is to draw up legislations, further consolidate the factors responsible for stability of the security situation in the area, and establish more successful relations with world countries.

At the economic level, the private sector must assume its full national responsibilities, and never rely on the prospects of international markets.

Investment opportunity in the area is ample, and the governments must let the private sector operate freely, while providing more chance, incentives and further promote stability in the area.

When the Iraq-Iran war was still ablaze, it was futile to get people to feel confident about any investment enterprise, as a common feeling of apprehension prevailed.

However, now that the war has stopped, the situation is different. The private sector in the GCC has huge amounts of money, of which some is currently invested in the Western markets and other elsewhere.

It is now the time for this money to be repatriated. This is because the opportunity is now available in the area, and all we have to do is develop our countries into being able to successfully manage agriculture and tourism investment.

Plenty of opportunity is available for the private sector, particularly since a great number of conventional industries in Europe will be dislocated due to high cost, and the fact that greater attention is accorded to heavy industries.

Some of the industries that you propose such as the tourism industry, is hampered by the prevailing sense of security and the laws and regulations enforced as a result. What is your comment?

Yes, this is true. However, with the inter-GCC road network and interlinks various national interests, the security apprehensions should now fade out. As all activities get relocated from the public sector into the private one, and the citizens are made to make positive contributions to the national development process, every citizen will become protective of his own interests and act as a security officer who maintains stability and security.

This is so as the government could not possibly be responsible for everything, and the private sector must play its rightful positive role, particularly following the full development of the GCC basic structure, which is very instrumental in meeting the various national requirements and services.

What is the purpose of your recent visits to Qatar, the Emirates and Saudi Arabia?

We in Bahrain strongly believe in the efficiency of direct contacts and personal involvement yields results better than exchanging messages or telephone conversations.

As I mentioned earlier on, there must not be any barriers between the members of any Gulf family, so that we can speed up the inter-linkage of our people's interests.

I find this policy very successful in reaching results and dealing with pending issues. Not necessarily Bahraini issues, but issues of a wider nature seeking to optimise inter-GCC performance.

There are those who believe that the flames of the Iraq-Iran war have not quite died, since no peace agreement has been reached?

The war has ended. The general sentiments prevailing in the area tell you that no one ever wants war anymore, including those with border disputes between them.

The Iraq-Iran war has ended, and this is an indisputable fact. It has been established that the interests of both warring parties lay in the stoppage of the conflict. However, time will help heal wounds, and relations between both countries would eventually improve.

Personally, I don't think Iraq would start the war again as it nurses no aspirations or designs for gains. Similarly, Iran is not likely to war against Iraq again, having lost the battle. The only real war that remains to be fought is that of development, patching up differences and



Sheikh Hamad Al Khalifa

strengthening bilateral and mutual interests between themselves and the world at large.

Could you elaborate this point. Following the oil boom which lasted for ten years in which the infrastructural projects had been completed, the arena had witnessed some critical years which had been represented by the eruption of the Iraq-Iran war. But, for the time being the war is over and the features of the next ten years could be perceived. We can say that the Western countries and the super powers in view of its new economic interests will not be in a position to go ahead with the traditional industrial output.

As the economies of these countries will not be able to meet the cost of the traditional industrial production. These industries will be relocated to new homes such as the Arab countries and South Eastern Asian countries. Needless to say that for the Arab countries, it is ready to accommodate this type of industry due to its large markets. What have to be ready to deal with this stage efficiently during the forthcoming ten years. I believe, that the Arab world and through a certain economic integration and through its regional co-operation councils will be able to deal with these prospects.

We in Bahrain were talking about this important stage and we had started establishing a lot of industries which had been designed not to respond only to our local requirements but to meet the requirements of the region entirely.

Do you believe that GCC states will find themselves in a position of competing with the Arab Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb Union?

If this happens it will be good. This may make us more active beside having a quick performance in linking ties and interests of our people and hasten the achievement of legislations and plans that serve our countries because if we do not carry them out others will.

How do you see the Arab Maghreb Union from a distance?

In a meeting with HH Al Hasan, the Moroccan king, said that West European countries are like a lever to America. This reflects the fact that a big country like America is concerned with this complex European power and seeks further economical and ideological linkage with it.

In my opinion, the Arab Maghreb Union has a greater role with regard to the north Arabian part of Africa. King Hassan was capable of giving a good reflection of the Arabian concern on the western part of the Arabian world. With the development of communication facilities introduced in the Arab world Western countries became closer than before. The future will reveal that the GCC has strong ties with the Arab Maghreb Union or the Arab Co-operation Council. Big industrial countries will find themselves unable to establish some traditional industries due to the rise in labourers wages, at that same time, these markets at the Arab Maghreb Union and Arab Co-operation Council will be able to do so.

Perhaps, there is some wisdom behind it as it has come about after forming a council comprising four important countries whose population is 80 million. They do not represent international roles, but reflect Arab national spirit.

The agreements signed between Iraq and Saudi Arabia comes as a direct translation of the Saddam Hussein made in 1980 which called for solving all outstanding issues among Arab countries through diplomatic means, specially related to border issues.

Wars will only lead to destruction and the obstruction of developmental projects in Arab countries.

The visit of King Fahd to two important Arab countries has come to comply with the weight and importance Saudi Arabia carries as a state.

Do you think that GCC states in the competitive atmosphere among the three Arab councils are capable of creating the dynamism you called for?

Yes. There is nothing to stop it. We may have some fears in the Gulf house, but we have to understand it within the framework of our states through solving our outstanding bilateral relations and speeding up expanding the linking of the interests of the GCC states. We should speed up the linking of our people's interests together in order not to find ourselves one day lagging behind some other states.

Ports regaining former international importance

Transit trade shows marked increase

WITH the local shipping industry on the rebound since the Gulf ceasefire, Kuwait's ports are on their way to regaining their former international importance, an official said.

In an interview with a local daily, Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi was quoted as saying that the country's ports had recently set new records in loading, unloading, and re-export operations.

Statistics showed that as of February the

average number of incoming ships at Doha port had increased by 289 per cent compared to the previous year, with outgoing ships at an increase of an estimated 229 per cent for the same period. Loading and unloading of goods, meanwhile, increased 317 per cent.

Mazidi said that if movement continues at the same level, Doha port will regain the position it enjoyed prior to the start of the Iraq-Iran war.

Over the same period, while loading and unloading at Shuwaikh port increased by only 17 per cent, transit trade went up by 4,264 per cent, Mazidi said, adding that most of these goods were bound for Iraq or Iran. Loading and unloading at Shuwaikh port increased by 42 per cent from February 1988 to February 1989, the official said. The issue of whether or not to establish a free zone in Kuwait is still under study, Mazidi said.

Legal CLINIC

COULD you clarify what exactly is meant by "residing continuously" in Article No. 17 of the new Labour Law. I have been working in Kuwait since 1975. In 1980 I spent two months out of the country while my new visa and employment arrangements were under way. Have I been "residing continuously" in Kuwait since 1975 or 1980?

Anil Kumar
Safat
Kuwait

THE continuous stay in the country is calculated from the date of your first residence permit stamp. Article 17 of the new Labour Law says that the Ministry of Labour may allow those who have been residing continuously in Kuwait for 10 years to change a sponsor before a stipulated period of three years. But the ministry reserves the right to accept or reject the application for an early transfer of residence. Applicants with a clean record stand a better chance.

MY brother's employer recently cut his salary by 50 per cent after having paid him an agreed monthly amount since the beginning of his employment in early 1988.

The employer is also threatening my brother with deportation. Are such actions legally justified and what legal protection is my brother entitled to?

F.S.
Safat
Kuwait

EMPLOYERS are precluded by law from cutting an employee's pay after they had paid him an agreed salary for more than a month. Your brother is entitled to file a case against his employer and will win the case provided he can document his claim.

Deportation threats you mention are probably meant only to pressure your brother into accepting a reduced salary. The employer can fire your brother but he will have to settle all his contractual obligations. Your brother can seek a transfer of residence through a court case.

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Amiri medals for officers

Director of the Airport Security Department, Lieut Col. Faisal Al Yassin decorated 43 officers from the department with medals granted by HH the Amir. Picture shows Yassin with some of the honoured officers.

Department of customs gears up for travel time

THE customs department at Kuwait International Airport may use inspectors from other customs posts to assist during peak hours over the summer travel season, according to Abdul Razzaq Al Fahd, assistant director of the air customs department.

Fahd explained that the department's main objective is to prevent the entry into Kuwait of any dangerous contraband, such as arms, explosives, and narcotics. The department encountered 224 attempts to smuggle narcotics from 1987-88, representing one incident every three years, he said. The largest amount ever confiscated at the airport was five kilos of hashish and one kilo of heroin, he added.

Implementation Kuwait does not permit bringing two bottles of liquor into the country, Fahd said, adding that number of smuggling cases has dropped substantially because this law is implemented in full.

State and private medical delegations meet health minister

Remedial solutions discussed

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq received at his office yesterday a delegation representing private hospitals and clinics, a local daily reported.

The meeting was fruitful and constructive and co-operation aspects between the ministry and the medical private sector were discussed.

Agreement

The minister showed an understanding towards the demands of the hospitals and clinics owners particularly towards the participation of the private sector in any decisions that may be taken by the ministry related to this sector, the daily said.

The proposed medical charges to be applied in the private sector should be debated by committees to be formed from the Ministry of Public Health and the private sector.

With regard to the use of sonar

by the private hospitals, Dr Mutawa said that this had been discussed with the minister and agreement in principle was arrived at that this topic should be discussed by the relevant committees. The delegation also discussed with the minister the shortage in medicines at the private hospitals, as these medicines were not registered in Kuwait and private companies are not allowed to import them.

The minister agreed to discuss this issue to determine remedial solutions.

Speaking of the ministerial decision banning non-Kuwaiti doctors over 65 years old to work in private clinics and hospitals, Dr Mutawa said that the minister of public health had expressed an understanding towards the problem and had promised an early solution.

He disclosed that the ministry will introduce a new system aimed at upgrading efficiency of the medical profession in the government and the private sector.

NEWS IN BRIEF

KHC operations

THE chairman of the board of the Kuwait Hotels Company (KHC) Ali Ahmad Al Ghanim has said that the company is operating four major hotels in the country which are Kuwait International Hotel, Mesliah Beach, Khiran Resort and Kuwait Airport Hotel.

He told a local daily KHC is also managing services at Bayan Palace, and is offering catering services to various government establishments, including recreational and entertainment facilities.

He said KHC is currently soliciting contracts for managing more hotels in and outside the country and that it is ready to manage and operate hotels in Iraq.

He ruled out any intention on the KHC's part to construct a hotel in Kuwait, stressing that the KHC's primary responsibility is managing hotels and providing catering services.

He said the major problems encountered by the KHC in Khiran Resort was due to the failure by some visitors to observe enforced regulations and follow instructions, which are primarily aimed at ensuring their comfort.

Health meeting

THE Public Health Undersecretary Dr Naef Al Naqib headed a meeting for directors of health areas. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs Dr Tariq Al Abdul Jader and Director of Sabah Centre for Medical Specialisations Dr Mahmoud Al Bader. The meeting discussed needs of the health areas for manpower and evaluation of staff of health areas.

The participants decided to allow every health area to study its health for physicians, dentists, pharmacists and nurses separately.

Ramadan sale

A MEETING was held at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, attended by officials of the ministry and merchants and agents of electrical and electronic appliances, to reach an agreement on the maximum limit of discount that will be allowed during the sales season next month. The ministry determined the discount at 20 per cent.

A big number of merchants refused to participate in the sales this year because of strict conditions applied by the ministry. They claimed that many of them will suffer losses if they followed these conditions. Only 18 commercial companies agreed to participate in the sale by May which is considered a very small number compared to 90 companies in previous years. The merchants demanded that the ministry should allow a certain percentage of profit on sold items after revising their prices against the cost price instead of the present procedure.

Fasting advice

FASTING provides the body with the opportunity to rid itself of food residuals, according to an official at the Ministry of Public Health.

Interviewed by a local daily, Dr Fawziya Al Awadi, director of the nutrition and catering department said that educating oneself on will power during the hours of fasting will contribute to the creation of a new diet system. She urged people to avail of this opportunity to improve their eating habits. "Will power is the secret to preserving health," she said.

BA summer schedule reflects continued regional commitment

BRITISH Airways' recently introduced summer schedule reflects the airline's ongoing support to the region with 120 arrivals and departures each week serving 15 destinations in the Middle East and Indian Ocean.

"With a newly relaunched First Class, a superb business product, an award-winning economy cabin and onward connections to five continents, we are able to meet passengers' needs for convenience, flexibility and outstanding service whether they are travelling for business or pleasure," says Nigel Page, British Airways Middle East regional sales manager.

Highlights of the summer schedule are as follows: BAHRAIN continues to have a daily, non-stop early morning service to London Heathrow, while popular eastbound destinations include the Seychelles, Mauritius, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Auckland.

THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES benefits from high frequency both eastbound and westbound. Eight flights a week operate to London Heathrow from Abu Dhabi and six flights weekly to London Gatwick from Dubai. Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, India, Australia and the Indian Ocean islands of the Seychelles and Mauritius are all accessible from the UAE by British Airways, providing a variety of holiday destinations in their own right or combined as part of a circle trip or round-the-world tour.

MUSCAT'S summer schedule is little changed from the winter with six flights a week: four via Doha to London Gatwick and two via Riyadh to London Heathrow.

DOHA has doubled its frequency with two flight's a week into London Heathrow via Jeddah. These aircraft now terminate in Doha ensuring passengers a clean, freshly serviced aircraft.

KUWAIT maintains a daily non-stop service to London with a mixture of day and night services. These flights arrive at Heathrow Terminal 4 enabling easy through connections to be made to the USA and Europe. Eastbound destinations from Kuwait include Delhi, Madras and Karachi.

Services to SAUDI ARABIA have changed slightly. Jeddah's frequency has been reduced to three a week, however, as these now fly into Heathrow airport in the early morning, good onward connections can be made. Riyadh continues to be served with two flights a week, and these have also been switched to Heathrow to meet passenger demand. Four flights a week continue to serve Doha and these have remained at London Gatwick for the convenience of connections to Dallas, Houston and Atlanta.

Elsewhere in the region operations to Khartoum, Cairo, Amman and Baghdad have moved to London Gatwick as part of British Airways' previously announced plans to maximise usage of Gatwick's new facilities and relieve some of the pressures at Heathrow.

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Yarmouk rally Jibril vows to carry on attacks

DAMASCUS, April 16, (Reuters): Bullets, not words, spell power for a radical Palestinian group which sees Israel as its number one enemy and the peace policies of PLO leader Yasser Arafat as a sellout.

Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), marked the 24th anniversary of its founding group by vowing to carry on the armed struggle against Israel.

Addressing a rally at Yarmouk, Palestinian refugee camp near Damascus on Friday, Jibril lashed out at both Arafat and the United States.

He said Arafat, recently named President of the self-proclaimed state of Palestine, had abandoned Palestinian rights to follow false US promises.

"We will continue the armed struggle and fight everywhere... America will not intimidate us although America is terrorism itself..." he said.

Bombing

Western news reports, unconfirmed, blamed Jibril's group for the bombing of a Pan-Am jet over the Scottish town of Lockerbie last December in which 270 people were killed.

Investigators have said there is no evidence to link the group to the bombing and the PFLP-GC denies involvement.

But it has said it is ready to carry out the orders of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini to kill British author Salman Rushdie, accused of blasphemy in his novel *The Satanic Verses*.

Among its military operations, the PFLP-GC is probably best known for a 1987 hang-glider raid into Israel by guerrilla who attacked an Israeli military base.

Jibril is contemptuous of Arafat's conciliatory stance towards Israel and of the resumed dialogue between the PLO and the United States.

He told the rally that Washington could not be a mediator in the Arab-Israeli conflict because it was a strategic ally of Israel.

"The US administration, which is providing the Israeli enemy with all sorts of aid, could never be a mediator. The US is not only biased towards Israel, it is a strategic partner of the Zionist state," he said.

The PFLP-GC, which belongs to the anti-Arafat Palestinian National Salvation Front, boycotted meetings of the Palestine National Council in Amman and Algiers and lost its executive committee seat in the PLO.

Syria is one of the Jibril's keenest backers and, speaking at the rally, a representative of the ruling Syrian Arab Baath Party conveyed the greetings of President Hafez Al Assad to the PFLP-GC "which is a leading struggler... for revolution and liberation."

The representative, Fayez Al Naser, said: "After over 25 years the Palestinian revolution is still continuing. Some have collapsed and abandoned the weapon which gave them legitimacy to run after dreams of peace and false promises..."

The PFLP-GC was formed in 1968 after it split from the better-known Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by George Habbash.

The PFLP itself was founded on April 14, 1965, by Jibril's group of Palestinian officers serving in the Syrian Army and Habbash's Arab nationalist movement.

But Jibril accused its leaders of placing the emphasis on politics rather than military action.

Jibril's group joined the PLO in 1974 but he quickly fell out with the Fateh group led by Arafat.

The PFLP-GC supported Syrian attempts to oust Arafat from the leadership of the PLO and in 1983 turned its weapons on pro-Arafat fighters in refugee camps in north Lebanon.

Since December when Arafat recognised Israel's right to exist and renounced terrorism, PFLP-GC guerrillas have made several unsuccessful attempts to infiltrate into Israel from south Lebanon.

Key to these incursions, according to political analysts, is a desire by the radicals to discredit Arafat and spoil his links with the United States.

Iraqi weapons

BAGHDAD, April 16, (AP): Iraq will display locally manufactured weaponry for the first time when it hosts an international arms exhibit later this month, the head of its armaments industry said yesterday.



Uniformed and hooded members of the Palestine Popular Army paste up posters of Abu Jihad and Yasser Arafat in West Bank prior to holding a one-year memorial marking the assassination of Abu Jihad, the military chief of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). (Reuters wirephoto)

'No polls under Israeli occupation'

Arafat in Amman talks

AMMAN, April 16, (Reuters): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held talks with Middle East peace with Jordan's King Hussein early today during a lightning visit to Amman.

The official news agency Petra said the talks were aimed at co-ordinating positions ahead of the King's visit to Washington, where he is due to meet President Bush on Wednesday.

Arafat arrived at Amman airport late yesterday from Cairo and stayed only a few hours in Jordan before the King saw him off to an undisclosed destination.

Petra said the King and Arafat held private talks before being joined by senior Jordanian government ministers and officials of the PLO.

King Hussein was due to leave for Paris later today for talks with French President Francois Mitterrand before starting a week-long visit to the United States.

Arafat's meeting with the King was the latest move in a flurry of inter-Arab diplomacy to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The PLO leader, in Cairo yesterday, agreed with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that elections could not take place in the West Bank and Gaza Strip under Israeli occupation.

"I welcome any elections among the Palestinian people, but not under occupation," Arafat told reporters.

Mubarak, standing at his side, said: "We accept whatever the PLO accepts."

The election issue, raised by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir during his visit to Washington earlier this month, seemed certain to have been the focus of Arafat's talks with the King.

Mubarak said in Amman last week that he nor the King could accept or reject elections in the occupied territories without consulting the PLO.

Shamir's proposal, which won cautious US support, called for elections to choose Palestinian representatives to negotiate with Israel on interim self-rule.

He said the poll could take place only if Palestinians in the territories first ended their 16-month-old uprising against Israeli rule.

Israeli Foreign Ministry director-general Reuven Merhav who arrived in Cairo on Thursday is due to meet Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid to explain Shamir's plan.

Palestinian West Bank leaders visiting Cairo have explained to Egyptian officials their terms for holding elections.

Abu Ghazala's removal 'natural'

Abu Taleb gets defence

CAIRO, April 16, (UPI): Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak yesterday removed long-time Defence Minister, Field Marshal Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala, from his position and named the veteran officer to the almost ceremonial post of assistant to the president.

In a move called unexpected by political analysts, Mubarak issued a presidential decree yesterday, reported by the semi-official Middle East News Agency, which named Cairo Governor Maj. Gen. Yousef Sabri Abu Taleb to replace Abu Ghazala.

As Egypt's new defence minister, Abu Taleb, 60, was promoted in rank and becomes the commander-general of the Egyptian Armed Forces.

Mubarak is the supreme commander of the armed forces. A spokesman for the Egyptian Defence Ministry said Abu Ghazala's replacement was "only natural."

El Tohami also dismissed rumours that Abu Ghazala could have resigned because of differences within the government over military expenditure cuts imposed by the International Monetary Fund.

"It is only natural as a defence minister would not remain a defence minister for ever and the president of the republic would not remain president forever," he said.



Abu Ghazala

said.

The news agency said Mubarak awarded Abu Ghazala, 61, the country's highest decoration for his services, a move analysts said was in line with the practice of honouring retiring senior officials.

The decree did not elaborate on Abu Ghazala's new duties as assistant to Mubarak, but some say it is only an honorary post.

Mubarak became president Oct 14, 1981 after President Anwar Sadat was assassinated by Muslim extremists. Sadat had appointed Abu Ghazala as defence minister shortly before his assassination.

See Mubarak flexes his muscle Page 6

New law for elections in Jordan approved

AMMAN, Jordan, April 16, (AP): King Hussein approved an election law yesterday, cancelling representation for the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Palestine, an official source said today.

The action is a further step in the implementation of Hussein's decision last July to renounce sovereignty over the West Bank, which Jordan ruled until 1967, in favour of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The new law also promotes Jordan's claim to the Palestinian refugees it sheltered following the 1948 and 1967 wars with Israel, by giving them the same voting rights as other Jordanian citizens.

The source, who did not wish to be named, said the new law calls for a 72-member lower house of parliament elected only from Jordan itself.

The King has granted Palestinians in the East Bank, who hold Jordanian citizenship, the same rights and duties as other Jordanians.

About half of Jordan's 3 million people are Palestinian, although most live outside the UN-run refugee camps.

The previous electoral law gave the refugees in camps a fixed proportion of seats in parliament based on the number of camps, rather than their population.

Najibullah warns of regional war

Rockets hit locations in Kabul

KABUL, April 16, (Agencies): Afghan President Najibullah told foreign diplomats yesterday that the United States and Pakistan risked provoking a regional war.

"Violations of the Geneva accords by Pakistan and the USA pose a serious threat to the political independence, territorial integrity and national sovereignty of our country as a result of which one cannot consider impossible the danger of a regional war," Najibullah said in a speech marking the first anniversary of the accords.

The agreements, under which the Soviet Union agreed to pull its troops out of Afghanistan, guarantee non-interference in Kabul's affairs.

Najibullah accused Pakistan of planning to annex Afghanistan and giving large quantities of arms to the mujahideen fighting his pro-Soviet government.

"After the completion of the withdrawal of Soviet troops, the military intelligence of Pakistan with the direct and wide support of the armed forces of that country... have resorted to armed and open aggression against our country and disclosed their evil designs of merging our country with Pakistan," Najibullah said.

Arms and funds for the mujahideen flow through Pakistan but it has repeatedly denied giving the rebels military help in their 10-year-old war to take power in Kabul.

The last Soviet troops pulled out on February 15, leaving the

Afghan Army to take on a loose mujahideen alliance single-handed.

Najibullah, who is keen to project his government as Islamic rather than Marxist, began his speech to diplomats and Afghan political and tribal leaders with verses from the Holy Quran.

He said he had offered to share power with the rebels, who have set up a rival government in Pakistan, but "they stubbornly rejected any kind of political settlement."

The mujahideen had rained 43,273 rockets and shells on various Afghan cities in the past year, killing 2,222 civilians, while Afghan troops had killed almost 36,000 rebels.

"Had the extremists responded to our ceasefire and peace proposals, there would be no bloodshed," he said.

Government spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amami said six rebel-fired rockets struck undisclosed locations in Kabul yesterday, killing two civilians, and that a similar rocket barrage on Friday killed a 2-year-old girl.

Najibullah blamed the continuing conflict in Afghanistan on Pakistan's failure to implement the Geneva peace accords, which paved the way for this year's Soviet withdrawal and pledged Afghanistan and Pakistan to non-interference in each other's affairs.

The Afghan President also criticized the United States, saying it has failed in its role as a co-

guarantor of the UN-brokered Geneva peace accords to persuade Pakistan to observe the terms of the settlement signed April 14, 1988. The Soviet Union, which invaded in 1979 to prop up a communist government beset by internal feuds and a Muslim insurgency, is the other co-guarantor of the accords.

"We do not feel guilty before God Almighty because we have done our utmost to avoid continuous bloodshed in our country," Najibullah said.

While the Afghan President spoke, soldiers at a checkpoint on the Salang Highway on the capital's outskirts said an undisclosed number of trucks entered the city yesterday morning with vital food, medical and military supplies from the Soviet border.

Rebels ambushed the convoy as it approached the capital on Friday, but at least 85 vehicles managed to reach Kabul with its first supplies in more than a week.

Amami said some 300 to 400 trucks carrying supplies were held up by the rebels and large amounts of relief goods destined for Kabul were accumulating at the Afghan-Soviet border town of Herat, a three-day drive from Kabul.

Sporadic fire was heard coming from the direction of the rebel blockade after Afghan troops apparently intent on clearing the road departed for the area backed by a dozen armoured personnel carriers and Soviet-made T-72 tanks.

Turks block Cypriots' unity efforts

NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 16, (AP): Turkish authorities yesterday blocked efforts by the United Nations peacekeeping force to bring ordinary Greek and Turkish Cypriots together at a spring fun-fair on the divided Mediterranean island.

Hundreds of people, including many families with children, crossed into the UN buffer zone

from the Greek Cypriot sector to enjoy the fair.

But there were no Turkish Cypriots to be seen, although the UN peacekeepers had invited members of both communities to attend.

An officer in the UN peacekeeping force said the authorities in Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus had stopped Turkish

Cypriots from crossing into the buffer zone to reach the fair-ground.

"They weren't allowed to come through," said a Canadian officer who declined to be further identified.

The fair was staged at the disused Nicosia International Airport, which now serves as the peacekeepers' headquarters.

Iran hangs 9 more

NICOSIA, April 16, (AP): Nine drug smugglers were hanged yesterday in three provincial cities, Tehran Radio reported.

The report, monitored in Nicosia, said police had seized a total of 931 kilos (more than 2,000 pounds) of opium, more than 23 kilos (52 pounds) of opium essence and 18 kilos (42 pounds) of heroin from the nine.

Iranian authorities have embarked on a wide anti-narcotics campaign, arresting hundreds of people allegedly involved in traffic or use of drugs. Most of the arrests have been made in areas close to the border with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The latest hangings brought the number of executions to 388 since Jan 21, when a new law took effect mandating the death sentence for anyone caught possessing even small quantities of narcotics.

Officials have said about one million Iranians are believed involved in drug abuse.

Anti-torture panel

ALGIERS, April 16, (Reuters): A national committee to combat the use of torture has been set up in Algeria, the official news agency APS said yesterday.

The local press reported numerous cases of rioters being tortured while in custody after widespread disturbances last October.

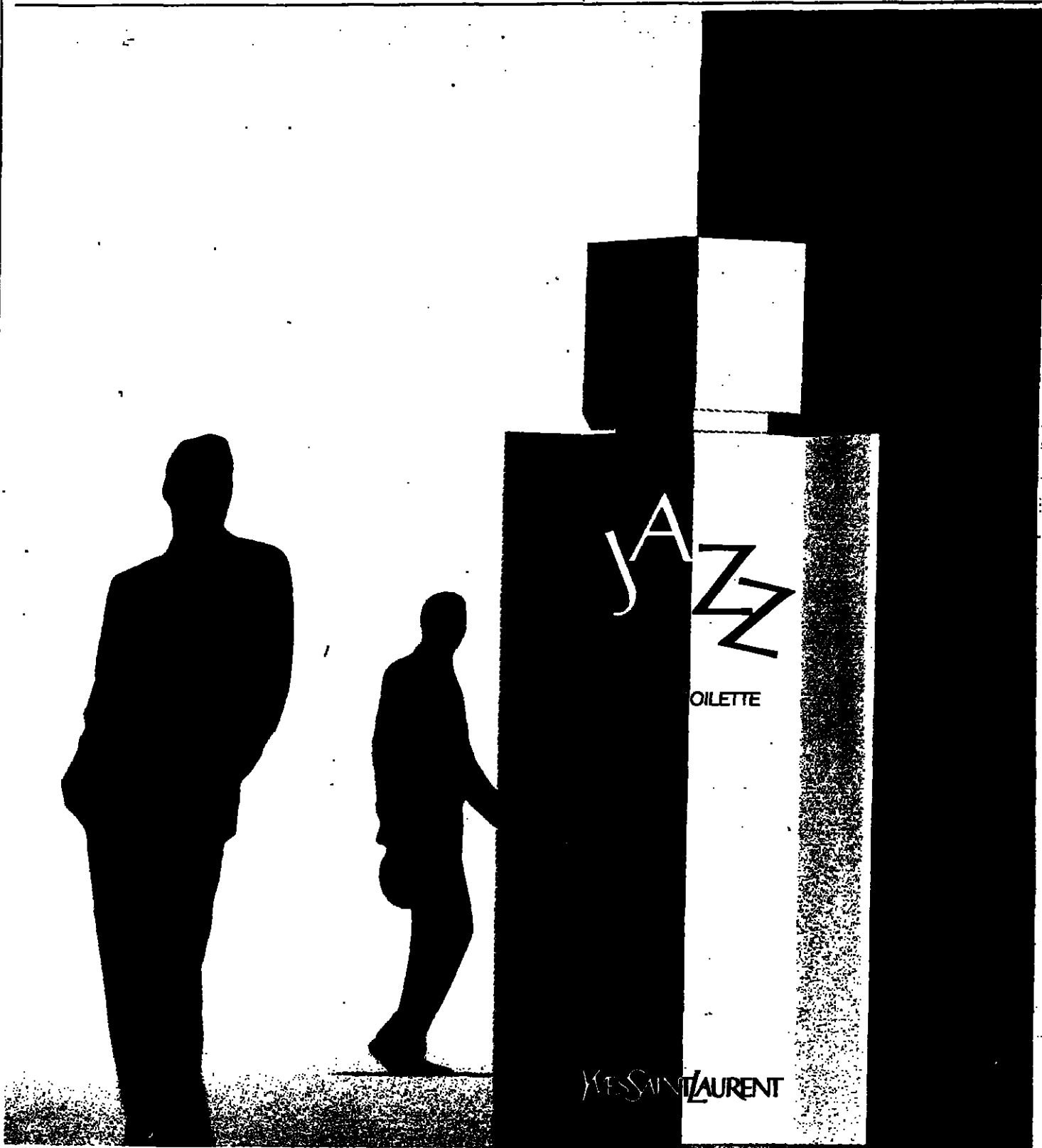
The agency said the new organisation was completely non-political and would alert the public and authorities to all cases of physical or moral violence.

Carter for Sudan

KHARTOUM, April 16, (UPI): Former US president Jimmy Carter will visit Sudan on his proposed African tour, the Middle East News Agency has said.

During his visit, Carter would meet Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi and senior Sudanese officials to discuss a number of issues related to peace in the war-torn south of the nation and needed relief operations, the news agency said. The African nation has suffered from devastating flooding as well as ethnic strife.

Carter would also meet with number of non-government personalities, said the dispatch from Khartoum.



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WHEN one burns one's bridges, what a very nice fire it makes — Dylan Thomas, Welsh writer (1914-1953).

Mubarak's muscle

Powerful defence minister removed

By William C. Mann

CAIRO, Egypt, (AP): President Hosni Mubarak has removed his powerful pro-American defence minister in a move diplomats see as uncharacteristically bold exertion of presidential power and self-confidence.

In a decree, the President on Saturday appointed Field Marshal Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala to the vacant post of assistant president, traditionally a largely ceremonial job. The Defence Ministry went to Maj. Gen. Youssef Sabry Abu Taleb, Cairo's governor for six years, who was promoted two echelons to full general.

The move, accompanied by the award of Egypt's second-highest decoration, officially was presented as a promotion for Abu Ghazala, but diplomats and government sources noted signs that it was the opposite.

One sign was the wording of a citation accompanying the award, which in a laudatory way recognised Abu Ghazala's "efforts and contribution to the nation."

Government sources also pointed out that Abu Taleb, not Abu Ghazala, accompanied Mubarak on a trip to Jordan last Wednesday to discuss with King Hussein his trip next week to the United States. The sources said Abu Ghazala was removed from the delegation at the last minute.

"I'm not surprised at this," a Western ambassador said on condition he not be identified. He said he has heard rumours for a long time that Mubarak was unhappy with Abu Ghazala's personal and professional ethical standards.

"I suppose the main significance is that Mubarak felt strong enough to do it. He very clearly must have had the backing of the armed forces." Another diplomat said the move "came as a bit of a surprise... the interesting thing is not so much why it happened as that Mubarak was strong enough to be able to move."

Abu Ghazala, 59, defence minister for eight years, had been assumed widely to be the country's second strongest person in terms of real power in Egypt. The country's political system is closer to democracy than almost any other Arab state's, but it maintains equilibrium through the use of police and military force.

Mubarak was a war hero commander of the Air Force before his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, named him vice-president in 1975. Many people have assumed, however, that he has relied on the much larger Army, and its generals like Abu Ghazala, as a prop for his authority since he assumed the presidency on Sadat's assassination in 1981.

But Abu Ghazala, who has five children, is said recently to have taken a second wife, less than half the age of his first, after a public courtship that was the subject of widespread, albeit whispered, scandal. Western businessmen doing business with the Defence Ministry also speak of significant corruption.

Abu Ghazala, trained in both the United States and the Soviet Union, was among Egypt's closest ministers to Washington. He was military attaché there from 1976-1979 and was a key mover in developing Egypt's special relationship with the United States after Cairo made peace with Israel.

"I understand they're in a frenzy, but I wouldn't have thought that the passing of Abu Ghazala would necessarily worry the Americans," said the Western ambassador, speaking on condition of anonymity. "He's very pro-American, but there are a lot of people like that in the Egyptian forces."

The only significance of this is that Mubarak is flexing his muscles."

Press review

World silent on Lebanon

KUWAIT, (KUNA): A local newspaper has commented editorially on the latest massacre committed by the Israeli occupation forces in the Palestinian village of Nahalin.

Al Watan expressed anger for the official Arab reaction toward the massacre and said "we feel pain for the all-out Arab carelessness toward what is going on in Palestine."

It also criticized the Arab popular reaction and recalled that a similar incident 30 years ago would have been followed by demonstrations all over the Arab world.

The paper noted that the Israeli forces had crossed the border with Jordan early in the 1950's and committed a massacre in Nahalin, but the latest massacre has been carried out without the need for crossing borders.

The paper said the talks about the fact that the massacre has been committed by the border police is of minor importance, but what is important is that the killings had taken place under the Israeli occupation.

Wright case unique

Facing ignominy

By Michael Posner

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Silver-haired Texan Jim Wright, the US Speaker of the House of Representatives facing impending accusations about personal finances and possible conflicts of interest, is one step from humiliating ignominy.

None of his 47 predecessors in 200 years, all elected by members of the House along party lines, were ever voted out of Congress, officially reprimanded, or had charges brought that were so serious as to force resignation.

The 66-year-old Democratic leader vigorously told a news conference he had not knowingly done anything wrong. But a House ethics committee is expected to decide his business dealings violated house rules.

Early in this century powerful Republican speaker Joe Cannon came close to being fired over his dictatorial rule.

Even so, the Wright case is unique. Senate historian Don Ritchie told Reuters: "There's nothing to me that looks like what is going on now."

The ethics committee, officially called the House Committee on Standards of Conduct, that has investigated Wright is a relatively new creature, only 22 years old, and has recommended a reprimand or expulsion for some past members of the House.

Wright's case focuses on claims he accepted improper gifts from a businessman in his Fort Worth congressional district who had interests in legislation.

and that he promoted bulk sales to interest groups of his autobiography in order to circumvent limits on outside income.

Last year, the House was set to debate and vote on an ethics committee recommendation that New York congressman Mario Biaggi, a Democrat convicted on racketeering charges, be expelled from the House. But the congressman quit Congress first, and is now serving a prison term.

Among recent speakers, former speaker Thomas O'Neill — Wright's immediate predecessor — was investigated in the so-called "Koreagate" involving alleged bribery by a Korean rice lobbyist. O'Neill was cleared by the committee.

Other speakers — who stand only behind the vice-president in succession to the president — have had many problems. Cannon came as close as any of the House leaders to being ousted from office, not over personal finances or other scandalous behaviour, but because he ruled with an iron hand, forcing a revolt by his own fellow Republicans.

After the House voted on what amounted to a vote of no confidence in Cannon and stripped him of power and perks, including a car, Cannon roared back.

He challenged the House to vote to oust him. The House took him up on it but the powerful speaker won, since at that point Republicans refused to go along with the minority Democrats to vote their man out of office.

US still 'kiss-of-death element' in Iran's politics

By E.A. Wayne

WASHINGTON: Iran is changing. The revolution is pulling in its horns. But the time is not yet right for spectacular improvements in US-Iran relations.

That is the majority view among Iran specialists interviewed on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Iranian revolution.

The specialists generally agree that Iran's leaders are vigorously debating how to come to grips with the devastation wrought by the Gulf war and with the revolution's unfulfilled promises. A large part of that debate centres on how much Iran should open to the West, including the US.

But most of those questioned don't think that the pragmatists in Iran who favour an opening to the US have the political clout to do so without major concessions from Washington. Despite signs of moderation in Iran, a ranking US official says, fine-tuning US policy won't yield a breakthrough in relations. "The logjam is on their side," he says.

Prof. Joseph Twinn, a Gulf specialist at The Citadel, says the US still carries "the kiss-of-death element" in Iran's domestic politics. This makes it especially hard for any Iranian leader to push for an opening to Washington.

Ayatollah Khomeini accepted a truce with Iraq only out of dire necessity, says James Placke, a Washington-based Gulf specialist and consultant. Since then, Khomeini has continued to balance off various factions in the leadership against each other, he says, preventing any one group from consolidating its position.

Stagnation

This, Placke argues, has resulted in "a recipe for stagnation," leaving the major issues unresolved. Indeed, the ranking US official argues that Khomeini "is still holding onto the idea that the revolution is about pure Islam and revenge for what the West did to Islam and Iran."

The ceasefire with Iraq shows Khomeini is willing to compromise with "the forces of darkness" to save the revolution, he says, but there is nothing to show that he is ready to accept "the bitter pill" of ties with the US.

"The Foreign Ministry has been given enough rope to establish relations with the West, aside from the US. But it doesn't yet even have the leeway to make deals with Western banks for badly needed resources," a well-placed US specialist says. Nor has it been able to deliver movement on British hostages since relations with London were restored.

In recent articles in Tehran newspapers, moderates have signalled that symbolic acts by the US could lead to rapid progress. They welcomed statements from President Bush that the US would appreciate help from any corner in freeing its hostages in Lebanon and his mention that Iran's influence with the captors is limited.

An Iranian deputy foreign minister suggested that

if the US returned part of disputed assets and money left over from orders placed by the Shah, or quickly compensated families of those killed when the US downed an Iran Air jet over the Gulf last year, it could make a big difference.

But these signals were countered by Iran's President Hojatolislam Ali Khamenei and Parliamentary Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who reiterated that the US would have to make major moves before improved relations are possible.

Hardliner Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi was even more negative, arguing a "wolf is still a wolf even if it wants to change its name."

US officials say they intend to compensate the families of the Iran Air victims — when Iran responds to pending US requests for information on the families.

Claims

Washington will keep working on disputed claims over assets and intends to keep on the table its offer to begin political discussions, US officials say.

Also reportedly under consideration is an easing of export restrictions to Iran for non-military items. "This could let them choose, if they want, to develop a commercial relationship," a well-informed US official says.

"We're ready to talk and stand fully behind President Bush's remarks," a US diplomat says. "We're all impatient with sitting on our hands. But the Iranians have to be ready to move too."

Prof. Shaul Bakhash of the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars says there is room for gradual improvement of relations if the US can give Rafsanjani bits and pieces that allow him to sell the value of an opening to Washington. "After a decade of seeing the US as the main devil it would be very difficult for Iran to have high-level relations with the US," Bakhash says. But, he adds, "low-level and restrained" relations should be possible relatively quickly.

For the US, the primary obstacle to improved ties with Iran remains the nine hostages in Lebanon. "Iran could do a lot more on the US hostages," consultant James Placke says. "It's not clear they could get them all out. But they haven't done much of anything."

"However clouded things may seem in Tehran, if all the factions got together they could still make things happen for most, if not all, of the hostages," adds a senior US official with access to all US intelligence on the hostage situation. "This is especially true of Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi and the Revolutionary Guards."

More troubling are reports that Iran's Revolutionary Guards played a role in the downing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland last December. If those reports are confirmed, Washington would be under great pressure to retaliate.

The Christian Science Monitor.



An Iranian woman shoulders a Russian-made rocket launcher during a woman's meet.

GCC states watching US-Iran relations closely

Balance of power must be maintained

By E.A. Wayne

WASHINGTON: The Iranian revolution and subsequent war with Iraq destroyed the security calculations of the oil-rich Gulf Arab states as much as it did Washington's strategic plans.

Today, co-operation among those states, as well as between them and the United States, has increased markedly, US specialists on the region agree.

"The US role in ending the Iranian threat of expansion and subversion gives us a much sounder footing with the countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council," says Paul Jabber, vice-president for Middle East Merchant Banking at Bankers Trust Company. "Though they still try to maintain the appearance of distance, when you look closely, you see a whole new nature of US-GCC relations." The GCC includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

"The atmosphere is quite good right now," says Joseph Twinn, a former senior US diplomat in the Gulf and currently a professor at The Citadel. "But it will be hard to sustain."

Peace process

He and others say that the Bush administration will have to advance the Arab-Israeli peace process to prolong the current "honeymoon" with GCC states. It also must overcome congressional opposition to arms sales to Gulf Arabs and simultaneously build bilateral ties that go beyond such sales. Washington will also need to keep a balance between ties to the Arab and Iranian sides of the Gulf as the possibilities for ties with Tehran emerge, these specialists say.

The Bush administration begins with a base line of military, political, and economic co-operation unforeseen even three years ago, say informed US officials.

"When this all started, the Gulf states and the US were not concerned with the day-to-day security in the Gulf," says a ranking US government specialist on Arab affairs. "But Iran's revolution shook that all up. It forced them and us to closely examine security needs and to see that they are intertwined."

US specialists credit the revolution and the Iran-Iraq war with activating the GCC states as a means of co-ordinating its members' political and security efforts.

Opportunities

The US also began to more carefully hone its policies to meet the needs of the smaller Gulf states. Washington for the first time made a sustained effort to work with a number of the Gulf Arabs as partners in a common enterprise, say US officials who participated in the process.

Today, says a ranking US diplomat, there is "a coming-of-age on the Arab

side of the Gulf" and excellent opportunities for the US to build a network to protect Western interests in the oil-rich region.

Gulf Arabs will be carefully watching how eagerly Washington pursues relations with Iran. "It's in our interest that Iran not be isolated internationally," says a top Gulf Arab diplomat in Washington. "We are normalising our relations with Tehran, and you should, too. But we hope ties with Iran can be established without arms sales. You must be very careful to maintain the balance of power in the area."

More broadly, this senior diplomat contends that history has proved wrong those US strategies who favour giving more weight to Iran because of its proximity to the Soviet Union. "You need ties to all the power centres," he says.

Bilateral relations between the US and the Gulf Arab countries, however, also

continue to be beset by the Arab-Israeli dispute. The US Congress continues to block arms sales to these countries because they support the Palestinian cause. This has had particularly sour results on US-Saudi relations.

For their part, the Gulf Arabs hesitate to co-operate more closely with the US because of its perceived pro-Israeli bias. The new US-PLO dialogue has added to the current bloom in US-Arab relations, Twinn says. But it has also brought unrealistic expectations of what the US can deliver. US officials add that this has to be a two-way street. Saudi Arabia, for example, could catch up with the PLO by recognising Israel's right to exist, they say. The foundation of US-Saudi ties, a ranking official argues, must shift from one based largely on arms sales to co-operation on a range of common concerns.

The Christian Science Monitor.

'Mercy killings' shock Austria

By Jola Zalud

VIENNA, (Reuters): "She was a wonderful nurse, she sat at my bedside and held my hand to ease my pain. I trusted her completely."

This was the shocked reaction of a former patient at Vienna's venerable Lainz Hospital, speaking to Reuters about one of the four assistant nurses who, according to police, have confessed to killing a total of 48 elderly patients over a six-year period.

The allegations have deeply shocked Austrians and shaken the country's image of a picturesque, wholesome land of dramatic scenery, waltzes, cream cakes, and a strong welfare state.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said the alleged killings were "the most brutal and gruesome crime in the history of the state," while Vienna police chief Guenther Boeg described it as the largest mass hospital killing in Europe.

Police, doctors, nurses, psychologists and politicians are asking themselves how ordinary young women could be helpful and friendly one minute and apparently turn killer the next.

The four involved are assistant nurses, those who are not fully qualified but have done two years' training. Most such assistant nurses eventually try to gain the full nursing diploma.

The four now under arrest have told police they killed their patients by administering overdose of medicines such as insulin, normally used to treat diabetes, or suffocation by forcing water into their lungs.

When they started in 1983 they were initially motivated by pity for the suffering of the patients, they told police. But later, according to police, they picked out the victims who were causing them most trouble.

A fifth nurse from Chile, who

tipped off a doctor that a patient had been killed by a colleague, has been detained for questioning.

Vienna mayor Helmut Zilk compared the killings to the worst excesses of the Nazi era, saying the nurses were no different from guards at the Auschwitz death camp during World War Two.

Leading Austrian writer Erwin Ringel, author of several books on what he calls "the Austrian soul", linked the case with what he described as "remnants of national socialist thinking in the Austrian people."

"Then as well extra mouths to feed, people who could no longer be used in the war machine, were eliminated," he said.

But Hildegard Fack, the head of the trade union's Nurses Association has a different explanation:

"Over worked"

"I think the problem lies with the system, with the fact that nurses have no psychological training whatever, they are over-worked, badly paid and there is no place where they could discuss their needs, their worries and their general problems," she said in a television interview.

The media have also sharply criticised the fact that assistant nurses without proper medical training had been giving injections and had access to all medication.

"This is perfectly true," Fack told television, "but I would like to know how a hospital could have worked otherwise with the desperate shortage of trained nurses."

Lainz, like other hospitals in Vienna, has complained of the refusal of the city government to allocate them more qualified staff, pleading lack of funds.

"Our nurses here cannot cope any longer with their work, we are in a mess which could be

overcome only if we get more people," one senior nurse told Reuters.

In most other Vienna hospitals assistant nurses are doing night duty on their own and are giving injections. In Vienna orthopedic hospital, a member of the staff told Reuters they had only one fully qualified nurse on their ward.

As public outrage grows, there have been reports of bomb threats against the Lainz hospital and cases of nurses being openly abused in the street.

However, a laboratory technician at Lainz, although clearly shaken by the latest developments, had a different story to tell.

"We are really touched by the sympathy and the confidence our out-patients have shown us during these past days," she told Reuters.

"Our ambulance is as crowded as it used to be and people are telling us that they are fully prepared to remain faithful to us in future," she added.

Suspended

The head of the clinic, professor Franz Resendorfer, who has been suspended from duty while investigations continue, has rejected suggestions that doctors may have been involved, or that their supervision had been lax.

"I know that my doctors did their duty," he said.

On Wednesday the Austrian Justice Ministry confirmed that the bodies of at least some of the victims would be exhumed in an effort to find forensic evidence to back up the confessions, which under Austrian law are insufficient to obtain a conviction in court.

Presendorfer, and other medical experts, said it would be difficult to establish whether the victims, many of whom were being given drugs regularly, had been killed or died naturally.

Church given legal status after 45 years

Polish church, state make up

By Andrew Tarnowski

WARSAW, (Reuters): After 45 years of church-state rivalry marked by bitter conflicts, persecution and even murder, Poland's Catholic church and the communist state are finally ready for a formal reconciliation.

They have reached an accord that will give the church legal status for the first time since World War Two and could return large amounts of church property confiscated under Stalinism.

The agreement, a bill jointly drafted by the two sides, was initiated last week. A church source expected parliament to approve it shortly, possibly at its next sitting.

The bill formalises all aspects of church activities and church-state relations. "This is something extraordinary which could serve as an example to other countries of our bloc," the church source said.

It will also pave the way for Warsaw and the Vatican to sign a "convention," a form of international agreement establishing diplomatic ties between Poland and the Holy See, probably in the early autumn, he added.

Poland will then be the first communist-ruled East European state since World War Two to formalise relations with the Catholic church and ties with the Vatican.

The church source said Poland could become a useful bridgehead for Vatican diplomacy towards communist countries.

"Warsaw can become a pinpoint for Vatican diplomats to hold meetings. The Chinese for example won't go to Rome but they might come to Warsaw," he said.

The opening of Vatican embassies in other East European capitals where they existed before World War Two, such as Budapest, could follow, he added.

The two agreements are the blessing of the Polish church and the Vatican on last week's historic government-opposition deal on reforms that end the communist power monopoly and set Poland on the road to democracy.

The source said the church considered itself "the godfather of the reforms" and felt free to make its own deal with the state now that society's needs for pluralism and more freedom had been largely satisfied.

Church officials also believed the reform pact would have an impact far beyond Poland.

"This is a great thing, a huge thing and a contagious thing for the Czechs and the Hungarians. I

don't mean that it should be copied, but it gives some impulse and example," the source said.

The two pacts with the church and the Vatican will close a postwar era of confrontation in this overwhelmingly Catholic country in which the church emerged as the most powerful centre of resistance to communist rule.

In 1950, at the height of Stalinism, authorities confiscated all church property except church buildings — including hundreds of schools and hospitals — stopped religious education for children and arrested hundreds of priests.

In 1953 the defiant Catholic primate Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński was arrested and detained for three years in a remote monastery.

Later, the church backed the Solidarity Trade Union's challenge to the communist authorities. Church-state relations plunged after solidarity's suppression in 1981 and fell further in 1984 when secret police murdered father Jerzy Popieluszko, a pro-Solidarity priest.

But communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski turned to the church for mediation when Poland's problems forced him into the reconciliation process that brought the pact with the opposition. Two church mediators attended the government-opposition reform talks that ended on April 5. Just before they started the Polish Communist Party signalled that its cold war with the church was over by lifting a ban on church membership by party faithful.

Full details of the law on the church's legal status have not been revealed but the source called it "a document of goodwill." He expressed relief that after a 45-year struggle with communism the church could finally step back from the political arena.

"The church assumed some tasks which by nature did not belong to it and now it's feeling quite tired with this. It's just terribly tired," the source said.

He said the hierarchy had no fears that churches would empty as the conflict faded and it lost its prominent role as society's champion against communist rule.

"We will not feel wronged if people who came to church for political or social reasons go away," the source said.

"They haven't left yet, but if they do let them keep good memories that here they were embraced during those years and found a platform for their activities."

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No change on debt IMF team will find inflation in Peru

LIMA, April 16. (Reuters): When International Monetary Fund officials arrive in Peru on Monday, they will begin evaluating an economy in which prices double about every six weeks.

Inflation in Peru has soared past 200 per cent this year and despite the bold predictions of President Alan Garcia's government economists say it shows no signs of letting up.

What the IMF technical delegation, the third to visit this crisis-ridden country since October, will probably not find is a change in Garcia's firm stand on foreign debt repayments.

Garcia has held fast to his 1985 pledge to limit payments on the \$19-billion debt to 10 per cent of export income, a stance that won him admirers throughout Latin America but has made Peru an outcast in the world financial community.

In March the Inter-American Development Bank, Peru's last major foreign creditor, cut off loans after it fell more than \$100 million in arrears in its repayments.

Visit

"With this IMF visit, the government is basically trying to buy time," said economist Manuel Moreira, a former Central Reserve Bank president.

"The government will be able to change nothing but, for political reasons, give the appearance that it is re-establishing dialogue with creditors," he told Reuters.

Raging inflation is only one symptom of what economists call Peru's economic crack-up in the past year, aggravated by leftist guerrilla violence which is approaching the point of civil war in some parts of the country.

Peru's net foreign exchange reserves are deep in the red with a negative balance of \$199 million in March, official figures show.

The gross domestic product tumbled eight per cent last year and estimates for this year's drop range from five to 10 per cent, depending mainly on whether Garcia can get a grip on inflation.

There are a few bright spots. The all-important mining sector, responsible for about half of Peru's exports, is already making a modest recovery after production was slashed last year by two miners' strikes.

Exports, the key to any general economic recovery, appear to be rising slowly but steadily after Peru's trade surplus reached a bare \$26 million last year.

Pessimism

But pessimism about the economy still reigns among middle class Peruvians, many of whom have had to stop driving the cars they bought in better times because petrol has become so expensive, and in the dusty shantytowns that ring the capital.

Real wages have dropped over 25 per cent since the beginning of the year, wrecking local commerce and forcing businessmen to look to export markets.

The basis of official economic policy is still a tough austerity package announced in September. The package has received mixed reviews from economists who credit it with easing food shortages by cutting subsidies, though at enormous social cost.

But millions of Peruvian consumers blame their plight on the package, saying it was just the sort of austerity plan the IMF would have ordered but without the accompanying IMF loans due to the government's debt stand.

IMF programme begins to bite

Jordan raises prices

AMMAN, April 16. (Reuters): The Jordanian government raised prices of petrol, alcohol, cigarettes and several other goods and services today as an IMF-agreed economic reform programme began to bite.

A cabinet minister, who asked not to be named, told Reuters the increases were expected to earn the treasury an extra 39 million dinars (\$72 million) this year.

He said the price rises of 15 to 50 per cent covered cooking gas, petrol, jet fuel, fuel oil, kerosene, detergents, soft and alcoholic drinks, cigarettes, steel reinforcing bars, barley, oats, asphalt, car licence fees, telephone calls and irrigation water.

The government also imposed a 10 per cent tax on production of phosphates and potash, Jordan's main mineral exports. One Western diplomat estimated this would raise eight to 10 million dinars (\$15 to 18 million) a year.

The minister said the cabinet approved the measures during a lively seven-hour meeting

lasting into the early hours of today.

"We were only just able to meet the 39-million-dinar target set as part of the five-year economic reform plan between Jordan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF)," he said.

Price

A government source said the cabinet also considered raising the price of local and imported meat, but failed to agree and left a decision to the prime minister.

The minister said the cabinet had not discussed how to cut 18 million dinars (\$33 million) from the state budget, as agreed with an IMF team which ended talks in Amman on Thursday.

Jordan agreed a letter of intent with the IMF calling for cuts in state spending and revenue increases aimed at reducing the budget and balance of payments deficits.

If approved by the IMF, this would clear the way for Jordan to start talks with its

official and commercial creditors on rescheduling its foreign debts of \$6 billion.

Finance Minister Hanna Odeh has said he expects Jordan to receive \$275 million in credits from the IMF and the World Bank over an 18-month period.

One Western diplomat said of the tentative accord with the IMF: "It's a step in the right direction of sitting down with bilateral creditors. They did what they had to do."

Concern

But he expressed concern that the government had decided to keep basic food subsidies unchanged at an estimated cost of \$120 million this year.

Government officials say food subsidies are essential to defend low-income groups from rising prices.

Bankers say the IMF wants Jordan to reduce its budget deficit from 22 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) to two to three per cent within five years.

Sheikh Issa praises ACC

GCC-EEC pact to strengthen ties

MUSCAT, April 16. (KUNA): Bahraini Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, has praised big accomplishments of the Gulf Co-operation Council and said the upcoming tenth GCC summit in Muscat later this year will boost co-operation and ensure progress and development of its member states.

Sheikh Issa said the GCC leaders, at their ninth summit conference, had approved a draft agreement for economic co-operation with the European Economic Community.

He hoped that the agreement will enhance economic co-operation between the two groups.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

The Bahraini Amir welcomed the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb Countries Federation and said such Arab gatherings will serve the Arab causes.



Sheikh Issa

Praised

The Bahraini ruler praised the Palestinian intifada and said it would yield positive results.

The acceptance of UN Security Council's Resolution 242 and 338 by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Sheikh Issa said clearly demonstrated PLO's willingness to realise just and comprehensive peace.

The Bahraini ruler reiterated also support of the GCC states to

efforts that are being exerted by the UN Secretary-General to implement the Security Council's Resolution 598 to settle the Iraq-Iran dispute.

Referring to the Omani-Bahraini relations, he described them as deep-rooted and fraternal.

Meanwhile, the GCC committee for financial, commercial and industrial co-operation are to meet soon to discuss the economic activities and related issues in the member countries, GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs said today.

Dr Abdullah Al Quazib, in a statement to KUNA, added among issues to be discussed will be providing protection for national industrial products, regulating real estate ownership, custom taxes in addition to other important issues such as facilitating marketing of products of GCC companies in member states.

New opinion poll Support for Takeshita falls to less than 4pc

TOKYO, April 16. (AP): Support for Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, linked to a stock and bribery scandal, has fallen to less than four per cent, according to a report today.

Only 3.9 per cent of 1,000 people polled by the Kyodo news service on April 13-14 said they support the prime minister, while 87.6 per cent said they do not, Kyodo reported.

Of those who did not express support for Takeshita, the majority — 40.3 per cent — cited "inability to trust him" as their reason. Just over 23 per cent said their lack of support was due to the widening scandal, while 11.9 per cent expressed dissatisfaction with a controversial new sales tax backed by the Takeshita administration.

Shares

According to the report, 1,000 eligible voters chosen at random across the country responded to the survey, which was conducted by telephone. No margin of error or response rate was provided.

In the scandal, about 160 select politicians, businessmen and bureaucrats were offered bargain-priced unlisted shares in the real estate subsidiary of Recruit Co., an information-publishing giant, and then reaped handsome profits by selling the shares after they went public in October 1986.

Japanese trade surplus likely to fall

KD firmer against sterling

Kuwaiti Dinar

BASED on last week opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was easier against the dollar ending the week at 290.30 fils compared with its week before last closing of 289.57 fils.

The KD was firmer against the pound sterling, ending the week at 491.91 fils compared with its week before last closing of 492.99 fils.

The KD was slightly firmer against the DM ending the week at 154.70 fils compared with its week before last closing of 154.89 fils. The KD was also firmer against the SFR ending the week at 174.51 fils compared with its week before last closing of 176.46 fils, according to the Gulf Bank weekly market review.

Pound sterling

The pound moved higher over last week. It opened the week against the dollar at 1.6960/70 dollars and closed higher at \$1.7045/55 compared to its week before last closing.

Earlier in the week, the pound took little notice of a larger than expected rise in industry's input costs in March but was underlined by broker talk of British interest rate rises.

In British wholesale data for March, input prices rose 1.4 per cent after a revised 0.1 fall in February, due to weaker sterling from February.

Uncertainty over what a dock strike could mean for the British economy caused the sell-off.

Precious metals

Precious metals prices moved higher in London last week, supported by a steadier New York market where sentiment in precious metals was boosted by a burst of chart buying in silver futures. However, prices eased slightly following US economic data that showed US inflationary pressure was less than expected.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at 382.25/382.75 \$/oz reached a high of 388.50/389 \$/oz before closing easier at 386.25/386.75 \$/oz, but recording a gain of \$4.50 over the previous week's closing of 381.75/382.25 \$/oz.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at 5.77/5.79 \$/oz, reached a high of 5.88/5.90 \$/oz, before closing easier at 5.85/5.87 \$/oz, but recording a gain of 9 cents over the previous week's closing of 5.76/5.78 \$/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week at 524.50/525.50 \$/oz, reached a high of 552/554 \$/oz, before closing easier at 551.50/552.50 \$/oz, but recording a gain of \$8 over the previous week's closing of 523.50/524.50 \$/oz.

US dollar

The market over the first part of the week was confused over how to react to last Friday's unemployment data, which was mainly due to smaller-than-expected 180,000 rise in non-farm payroll employment for March, coupled with a surprising drop in the unemployment rate from 5.1 per cent to 5 per cent.

Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 132.84/89 yen and closed slightly higher at 132.00/05 yen compared to its week before last closing of 132.79/84 yen. The yen's strength over the week was aided by a weaker dollar.

The Japanese director of economic planning agency said the Japan's consumption tax was generally accepted smoothly and there were no big price rises after its introduction.

He told reporters that there was a fear of price hikes using the introduction of the tax as an excuse, but there were no major problems.

A recent report by the National Liaison Committee of consumer's organisations and consumer prices had gone up an average 2.7 per cent after the introduction of the tax.

It is expected that Japan trade surplus is to fall 3 per cent in April to \$7.25 billion from \$7.46 billion a year earlier, which would be the first decline in the surplus in seven months.

UK inflation edges up to 7.9 pc

Economy is buoyant

LONDON, April 16. (Reuters): Britain's annual inflation rate rose slightly in March to 7.9 per cent, its highest level since 1982, official figures said on Friday.

The increase of 0.1 per cent over February was lower than economists had been forecasting and below the eight per cent psychological barrier which might have renewed pressure on the government to raise interest rates.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said last month that inflation would peak at around eight per cent later in the year before falling to 5.5 per cent by December.

The Treasury said on Friday the figure of 7.9 per cent was consistent with its forecasts.

Fears of a sharper acceleration in inflation were spurred by an announcement earlier this week of rises in fuel and raw material costs and wage settlements.

With pay deals averaging 9.25 per cent and rising, some analysts and government critics warned the

country could be on the brink of a wages and prices spiral which could torpedo Lawson's economic strategy.

The government is anxious to avoid the political consequences of a rise in bank base interest rates above their present level of 13 per cent.

Such a move would force a further rise in the cost of home loans and would itself be inflationary as well as further damaging Lawson's credibility as manager of the economy.

The Treasury said that costlier home loans had contributed significantly to the rise in inflation since last July when the rate stood at 4.8 per cent. Of the 3.1 per cent the index has gone up since then, the Treasury said 2.4 per cent was due to higher mortgage payments resulting from interest rates rising.

The government's supporters in Parliament have said the economy is basically buoyant despite continuing balance of trade deficits on a record scale and a higher level of inflation than any of Britain's main trading partners.

IBM earnings rise slightly

ARMONK, N.Y., April 16. (Reuters): International Business Machines Corp., regarded as a key indicator among US industrial companies, on Friday reported a slight rise in first-quarter earnings of 1.8 per cent to \$950 million.

"Worldwide demand across our product line continues to be good," the company said at its headquarters in Armonk, New York. "Our first-quarter results improved despite a short-term chip shortage that affected some large system shipments."

Wall Street, which sees IBM as a key indicator of how other industrial companies are faring, was pleased with the results.

IBM stock rose \$1.625 to \$110.875, recouping most of a 1.875 decline the previous day when investors had sold shares fearing the earnings figures would be weak.

Revenues increased 5.6 per

cent to \$12.73 billion from \$12.06 billion in 1988's initial quarter.

"The industry is at a plateau," said Michael Guran, with Nikko Securities. "We've stepped down from our Pollyannaish expectations to a more realistic view."

Analysts said there are some signs that domestic order rates for the computer industry may be improving and overseas sales continue to be strong.

However, they cautioned against using IBM's performance as a harbinger of the industry as a whole. The company, unlike many of its competitors, is currently enjoying the benefit of some strong new products and overcoming supply problems with its new generation of personal computers.

The rest of the industry must continue to battle with fierce cost-cutting, too much product and a wave of consolidations and shakeouts, analysts said.

Otis Elevator Company Seminar in Kuwait



A part of the audience



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From right to left: Engineer Mohammed Mahmoud Rashid, the general director of the company in Kuwait, Mr. Alan Frizzole, the marketing manager at OTIS International Corporation, Mr. Jack Lallo, the Middle East and Arabian Gulf area manager.

Otis Elevator Company, Kuwait and Otis Elevator International held a seminar on Thursday 6th April, 1989 at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

The seminar covered Otis Company profile, products, services and vision.

Speakers at the seminar were:

- Eng. Mohamed Rasheed — Managing Director, Otis Kuwait
- Mr. Jacques Lalo — Senior Area Director and
- Mr. Alain Frizzole — Marketing Director.

The seminar was attended by a large group of consultants, engineers and Otis clients in Kuwait.

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Everyone now claims they knew her

Pamella, a new star of India

By Jeremy Gavron

WHEN last week's Asian edition of Time magazine came out with a cover story titled Super India, most Indians — the joke went — assumed the subject matter was Pamela Bordes and Salman Rushdie.

In fact, the story was about India's growing military muscle, but the joke reveals India's obsession with its two expatriate scandal stars.

India is the world's second largest nation and its biggest democracy, but many Indians feel the country does not have the place in world affairs it deserves. China, but not India, has a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. Japan, rather than India, is the new economic superpower. And Russia has grabbed the role India would have liked as world peacemaker.

So when one Indian stirs up world diplomacy and another threatens security in the old colonial power's backyard, it is a time for sneaking, but still joyous, national satisfaction. R. K. Laxman, the Times of India cartoonist, summed this up in a cartoon showing Thatcher leaning out of the window at No. 10, shouting despairingly, "Indians! Indians! Bombay-born Indians!"

This is not to say that India has greeted the Rushdie and Bordes affairs with equal pleasure. Rushdie, with his slightly devilish countenance and his blasphemous book, has been generally condemned for his behaviour. Some in India have supported The Satanic Verses in the name of free speech, but most people across the sub-continent, Hindu, Muslim or Buddhist, have shown little sym-

pathy for its author.

Pamella Bordes, on the other hand, has excited little but adoration. While ministers, editors and royals in Britain rush to disassociate themselves from the new Mata Hari, Indian men have fallen over each other to claim that Pam stayed in their apartment a few years back.

One boyfriend boasted of Pamela taking into a corner after a game of tennis and whipping off her T-shirt. "Many people are suddenly claiming to know Pamela," mocked one magazine.

"Wherever you go in Delhi these days," wrote columnist Tavleen Singh in the Indian Express, "drawing rooms, restaurants, offices, bazaars, you are likely to be asked one question: did you know Pamela Bordes?"

In Delhi, where Pamela went to school, she is a Delhi girl. In Bombay, where she began modelling, she is a Bombay girl. Only the community to which she actually belongs, the Hariyana Jats, conservative Hindu farmers, has hesitated to claim her with open arms.

And Pam's mother, whose soldier husband was killed in the 1962 war with China, has received short public shrift for complaining that her errant daughter has ruined the family reputation.

Pamela Bordes is not the kind of girl-next-door the average Indian man would want to marry. Indian women shudder deliciously at her behaviour. But in this conservative society, she represents much that the Delhi and Bombay socialites fantasise about but would never dare to do.

Even the serious Indian political magazine have pages of titillating gossip about the loves

and nightlives of the "film" stars. But while these sex goddesses go no further on screen than a wet sari and often publicly announce their virginity, Pamela has plunged open-eyed into the world of society and big-time sex.

"Pamela..." read the advertising copy for one weekly, beside a photograph of a chubby young Pamela in a bathing suit. "The most glittering of the glitterati, over whom politicians fawned and famous editors fought."

None of the seamy side of a tabloid scandal has been taken up by the Indian press. Colin Mervin and Andrew Neil are, to the Indians, the ultimate in globe-trotting high society. And no one reading profiles of Pamela in Indian magazines would dream that she might be a bimbo.

Judging by dinner table talk and letters in the newspapers, Pamela has become nothing less than a heroine on the grandest scale. "Hats off to this enterprising, gutsy young lady," wrote one reader, while another penned a poem that ends: "Is she in heaven/or is she in hell/that damned elusive Pamela."

The respected Sunday Observer (no relation to the UK version) even went so far as to suggest Pamela represents colonialism in reverse. "A case," the newspaper gloated in an editorial, "of the former colony getting its own back against the Raj."

Indeed, the delight of the Sunday Observer, has no bounds. "Atta girl," the paper cheered. "Suck it to them. Show those fuddy duddies that whatever Christine Keeler could do, an Indian girl can do even better. Eat your heart out Keeler."



Pamela Bordes: tired of life as a good-time girl and the conflicting demands made by powerful men, she felt she was destined for higher things

By Anthea Hall

THE public relations man who "invented" Twickenham streaker Erica Roe, the "Freddie Starr ate my hamster" story and introduced Bungalow Bill to Joan Collins, also "invented" Pamela Bordes in an exercise which cost her £10,000.

Details of the supreme public relations campaign (first disclosed in The Daily Telegraph) which used the News of the World to rocket her to the ultimate fame of becoming a "household name", became clear last week.

As picture editors and medical correspondents, in the UK scrutinised pictures of her rapidly-healing, motorcycle injuries to decide whether they involved the imaginative use of cosmetics, the focus shifted to Max Clifford, a Bond Street press and publicity man.

Clifford operates a highly successful company making people famous and therefore eligible for the rewards of show business.

Pamela sought Clifford's professional help to make her an actress.

Bordes paid PR man £10,000 to invent her

Tired of life as a good-time girl and the conflicting demands made by powerful men who grew fond of her, she felt she was destined for higher things.

Acting was a realistic ambition for someone who has been described as a Walter Mitty figure, endlessly adopting one persona or another. "If she talked to 10 people at the same party, each would come away with a different impression of what sort of person she was and a different set of facts about her," said an old friend.

Mark Burca, chairman and editor of Boardroom magazine, said that talking to Pamela was rather like talking to diarist Nigel Dempster. "She would drop an endless succession of smart names, and if you took her to a party she would know half the people there."

Pamela, with her endless contacts in high places, was a gift to any publicist. She met Burca through her Indian girlfriend Renuka Wickramaratne. She appears in the Snaps pages of Board-

room at receptions given by the ever-hospitable Burca, and at other fashionable events.

The "Snaps" are an anatomy of the social world in which she moved: who were Burca's friends and where Boardroom's sphere of influence lay.

Here she is with Charles Daniels, chairman of Pearl and Dean, at the reception marking the company's takeover of Boardroom. There is host Marc Burca with Renuka, here Donald Treford, editor of the Observer, with Norris McWhirter.

In the next snap is Donald Treford again. Nick Adams, Pamela's fiancé, appears for the first time, engrossed in a serious conversation. And don't miss Carlo Colombetti, the solicitor at whose party Clifford and Pamela met.

Pamela, a natural self-publicist, needed only an inspired push in the right direction for all this assiduous socialising to pay off with compound interest. Carefully-constructed

publicity — the right introductions, photos taken in the right places — was combined with acting tuition for a new, reformed 1989-style Pamela.

She was warned to expect a moment of truth, the culmination of the whole campaign, which she would recognise when it came but not be told about in advance.

The timing was perfect: imaginative publicity at its best. With the public satiated with reports on the film Scandal based on the Keeler-Profumo affair, the News of the World (already interested in Pamela) accepted an introduction to her by her old good-time contact, Erica Lea. The story broke two days later.

The strategy was that Pamela should then vanish (as she did), first to Paris then to Bali. She would remain in obscurity until the story blew over, having preserved a noble and sphinx-like silence (with no names named and everyone left guessing), returning to

start a new life as an actress.

There were plans for her to star in a film, based roughly on the kind of life she might herself have led but which — because she had kissed but not told — would have added truth-or-fiction appeal.

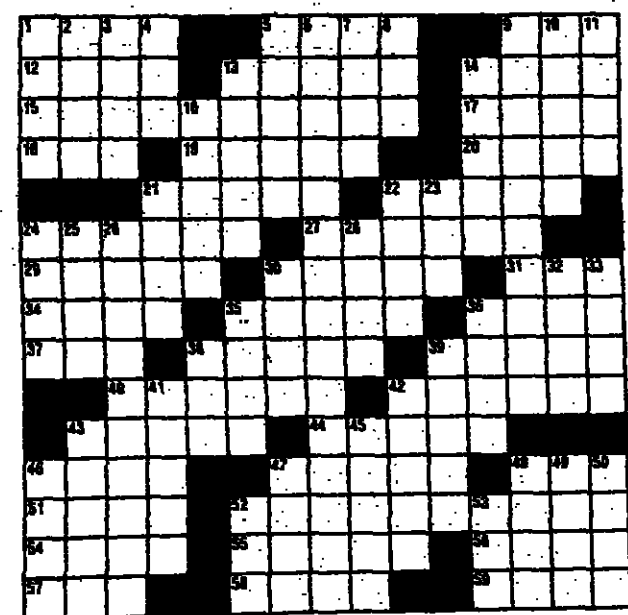
It was when Pamela was discovered in Bali, genuinely by chance, that the strategy went wrong. Beseiged by pressmen, she talked and talked again, and sold her story. The rest will soon be history.

If the official campaign went wrong, what did it matter when natural events took over so effectively from art, with pictures of her swollen, grazed face (genuine, and not contrived) inviting the headline "Battered beauty"?

John Battisek of Palace Productions, for whom Stephen Woolley directed Mona Lisa and, indeed, Scandal, said that though they had temporarily lost touch with her this did not mean they had lost interest in her acting future.

Some, perhaps, await with trepidation the publication of her story. Not, however, her publishers, because £300,000 also buys the right to edit.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Emulates Olivier
 - Hand warmer
 - Had been
 - Delicious center
 - Detection device
 - Locate
 - Stuck-up
 - Farm implement
 - Shade tree
 - Merits
 - "— Well that Ends Well"
 - Editor's mark
 - Grey of ballet fame
 - Evaluate
 - Number of Bears or Bengals
 - Whitewash, e.g.
 - Kind of remark
 - Author Levin
 - Muddy residue
 - Charges
 - Show approval
 - Architect's addition
 - Dickens villain
 - Puzzle out
 - Attention-getter
 - More lithe
 - French clerics
 - Observed
 - Cheese for a baguette
 - Nonbeliever
 - Understand
 - Is under the weather
 - Waste time
 - Farm unit
 - Brash —
 - Medicate
 - "— part in a storm"
 - Parts of months
 - Had an outstanding bill
 - Down
 - Cherley horse
- DOWN**
- Hep
 - Cut back
 - Match part
 - Archie or Roger
 - Purely by accident
 - Waller or Domino
 - Word with fish or small
 - Here and there
 - Bikini, for one
 - Sitiches
 - Names on the marquee
 - Tire
 - Dough ingredient
 - Penny
 - Flowers flower in these
 - Genesis name
 - Church area
 - Get under way
 - Nickname for King William IV
 - Mortgage
 - Kind of palm
 - Critical approval
 - Copy cat
 - Cheers
 - String
 - Enemy
 - Disburse
 - More than pleasantly plump
 - Remains
 - Believer, Suffix
 - Libertine's looks
 - Rum-soaked cake
 - Arno River
 - city
 - Street sign
 - Otherwise
 - Gave the once-over
 - Accomplished
 - Fuss

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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END TENS STONES
PINS SHY
ASTRO SHANGHAI
SPRINGAWAKENING
POEM AGAVE ALTO
STIEP TOTIES TIOITY

GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

BEAT THE BREAK

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

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WEST

2

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K J 8

EAST

K Q 10 9 3

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A J 8 6 5 4

A J 6 3

A 7

The bidding:

South

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West

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North

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Pass

Pass

East

4

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Pass

Opening lead: Five of

First reaction to a bad trump

break is often blind panic. A far

more sensible attitude is to look for

a line that nullifies the whims of

Dame Fortune.

West's jump to three clubs was a

weak (very!) jump overall. South's

decision to pass four clubs and then

pull the double to show a better than

minimum opening has the endorse-

ment of this department. We feel, however, that it might have been wiser for South to try four hearts en route. With careful play, 12 tricks can be made at hearts despite the 4-1 break.

Declarer, former world champion Peter Weichsel, realized that East probably held five spades for his double. He took the first trick with the ace of clubs and immediately led a trump. East shot up with the king, losing to the ace.

The diamond ace and a diamond to the queen followed. When West showed out on the second diamond, it became obvious that East was short in hearts. Declarer cashed the remaining high diamond, then ruffed a diamond to set up two long cards in the suit. A winning finesse of the eight of hearts put declarer in the cabdriver seat. He simply led a winning diamond from the table.

If East ruffed low, declarer would overruff, repeat the heart finesse and the defenders would be held to three trump tricks. If East refused to trump, declarer would simply discard hearts, then lead a club from dummy to make sure that he picked off one of East's trumps with the jack of spades. In all, the defenders could take only three spade tricks.



"The guarantee ran out while you were on the phone."

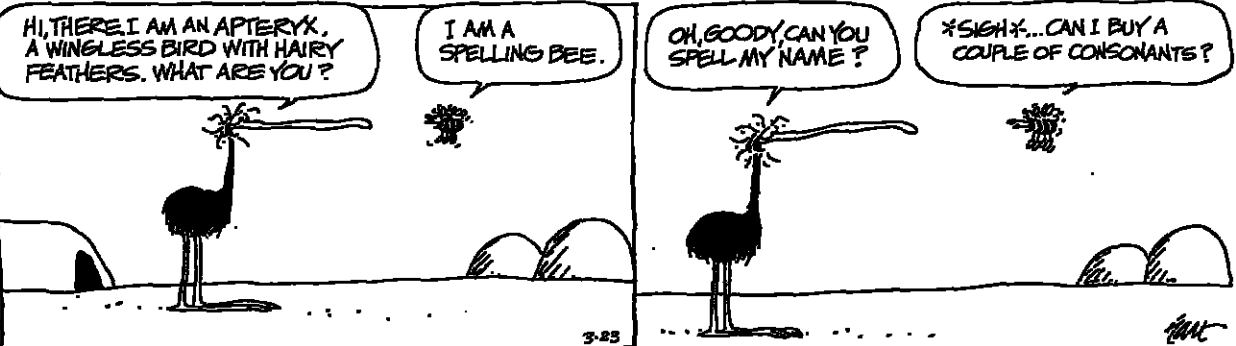
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will come to realize what you have been doing wrong and will know how to correct it. Avoid trying to do too many things all at one time. Your lucky numbers are 30 and 24. Do not be afraid of change. Be observant.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You must make sure you do not lose the courage of your convictions. You will be bored by a chore but it must not be left undone. Avoid saying one thing and doing another. Be more cautious.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should try to economize but not by skimping on essential repairs. You should not lose your temper with someone who does not share your opinion. Try to look at things more dispassionately. Be less impatient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not spend too much time on a hobby. An offer or proposal should be considered very carefully before it is rejected. Make sure you do not expend more than you can afford. Be moderate.



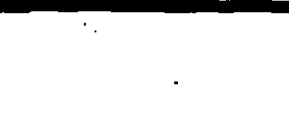
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should try to avoid repeating yourself. Better a little more slowly but surely than fast with mistakes. Do all you can to keep your wits about you. Be polite.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Make sure you keep your mind on the job you are doing at the moment. No harm in switching from one thing to another provided they both need doing and one can be left while you are doing the other thing.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will have plenty to do; just get on with it and do not become anxious about what remains to be done. And do not allow work to become all pervading. Have some more faith and confidence in yourself. Be less obstinate.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to save time, but there will be plenty to do in the time you have saved. You must not seek to rest on your laurels. Make sure you do not get into an argument. Be conciliatory.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will tend to be a little nervous and should do all possible to calm yourself. Make sure you do not do anything that would be injurious to your health. Do not expect luck to get you out of trouble. Be fair.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will be able to correct something you have been doing wrong. Resist the temptation to obtain something for nothing. It just cannot be done. Avoid any form of recklessness whilst on the road. Be sensible.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

Something that has been puzzling you will become a lot clearer. You should not expect others to agree with every word you say or everything you do. Avoid being boastful or pretentious. Be straight forward.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to make good plans for the week ahead of you. This is not the time to rely on your intuitions, commonsense counts. Do not expect others to be at your bid and call. Be generous.



EVENTS

KTV third channel exclusively for sports

THE third channel of Kuwait TV recently started will be devoted exclusively to transmitting sports programmes, according to a television official.

This in no way implies that a third programme has been created on channel three, but rather a new scope for transmission has been instituted within Programme 2, Jawad Al Mazidi, chief engineer at Kuwait Television (KTV) said.

Speaking of the role of Kuwait TV, the official was quoted as saying that it played a pioneer informational role in Kuwait and GCC countries and was of a diversified nature to cover recreational, cultural, political, sporting and children's fields.

Dimension

Transmission via satellite had added a new dimension to the TV as international events could be viewed directly through the TV screen in virtue of the Atlantic, Indian and Arab Satellites, Mazidi said.

The official added that the new Kuwait TV complex contained state-of-the-art technology and was provided through the expertise of a foreign firm considered to

rank at the top among such specifications in the world. Maintenance is being done by the engineering department at Kuwait TV by staff who have received extensive training abroad.

Elucidating, Mazidi said that the TV transmission system transmitted its programmes through UHF and VHF channels. KTV administration is striving to strengthen transmission through three transmission stations. One is at Al Mutlaa which opened last year, the other at Al Abdali recently put into operation and the third at Failaka soon to be operational.

Overlapping

Replying to a question on overlapping of pictures during humid days, the official said that this is due to a large number of stations in the region, particularly those transmitting through VHF beginning from Channel Five through Channel Twelve. The VHF system is difficult to control, particularly during humidity, he said.

On the joint Arab Gulf TV, the official said that several meetings were held in this connection as it is a vital issue.



Hotel Meridien in Kuwait recently organised a team building seminar for its department heads. The seminar was conducted by Ms. Nicole Breillard from Meridien head office in Paris. Picture above shows Ms. Nicole Breillard with the management team of Hotel Meridien.

KAPILKU's hotel and restaurant classes

Mesina and Mercado show their skills

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) held the second week of their hotel and restaurant operations class on Friday, at Holiday Inn Hotel.

Homer Mesina, vice president for media and external affairs and chairman of the said classes showed his professional experience and discussed the marketing and advertising trend of the hotel business. He further explained the five P's of marketing (people, product, packaging, price and promotion) and tools of marketing (personal selling — direct and advertising — indirect).

Defined

Mesina who is also connected with United Fisheries of Kuwait as operations manager enlightened the participants on the different kinds of approaches to be a perfect marketing man with emphasis on proper dealings and technical know how of the job.

Jun Mercado, vice chairman of the said course defined briefly the essentials of a business system, principles of management, business organisation as a whole and feasibility presentation on fast food restaurant. He stressed the importance of feasibility study in doing any business in the future.

The speakers made the actual application of being a perfect salesman by demonstrating the salesman and prospective consumer and dramatizing the proper situation the customer and to the delight of the participants. It was a perfect afternoon and excellent participation made by all the participants.

Encouraging

Since the inception of the free classes initiated by the association, Manny Inserto, KAPILKU president sees that the forthcoming classes will be

more encouraging to all the members because they will be spending their times in more meaningful one.

Co-ordinators were — Sarah Macarimbang, vice president of social and cultural affairs, Jojo Medrano, of welfare and special projects, and Helen Inserto.

On Friday, April 21 will be the rest day and the class will resume on April 28 at Holiday Inn auditorium at 1.00 pm. The next schedule will cover a tour to all departments of the hotel, courtesy by Holiday Inn to familiarise all participants the aspects of its branches and their importance to the whole hotel.

This free class is being organised by the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU), sponsored by Boodai Aviation — cargo division (Mabuhay Philippines door to door service) in co-operation with Holiday Inn Hotel.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 Newstalk
- 30 In Praise of God
- 0100 News Summary followed by Time Will Tell
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
- 30 Science in Action
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Food and Drink
- 30 Anything Goes
- 0400 Newstalk
- 30 Dangerous in Love
- 45 Nature Now
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Waveguide
- 45 Words of Faith
- 0600 Newstalk
- 30 Leaders and Leadership
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Russia - The Drive to Empire
- 0800 World News
- 09 Words of Faith
- 15 Dangerous in Love
- 30 Anything Goes
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Food and Drink
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
- 1000 News Summary followed by Leaders and Leadership
- 30 The Vintage Chart Show

World News

- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Tech Talk
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show
- 1200 Newstalk
- 15 My Music
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Russia - The Drive to Empire
- 1400 Outlook opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 The Girl in His Past (ex 3rd)
- 1500 Newstalk
- 15 3rd and the 10th Time Will Tell: (7th Who was Hitler? 24th Opera of the Week)
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Dangerous in Love
- 30 Tech Talk
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary

Screenplay

- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newstalk
- 30 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 1900 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Network UK
- 45 Short Story
- 2000 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 The Vintage Chart Show
- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
- 15 Europe's World
- 30 Sports International
- 2200 Newstalk
- 2300 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 The Learning World
- 30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

ALL TIMES GMT

FM Services

- 0600 Opening Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News on FM Service
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Latin American
- 1800 Pops
- 1900 Heber Steiner
- 2000 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2200 Jazz
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Listening
- 0200 Closedown

CINEMA

- Al Andalus
- Space Balls
- Starring: John Kennedy, Rick Morano
- Al Sahmya
- A Night on the Town
- Al Hamra
- Ala Umni (Arabic)
- Starring: Ilihan Shahin, Mohsin Mohiuddin
- Drive-In
- Al Sharidah (Arabic)
- Starring: Najla Fathi, Mahmoud Yassin
- Al Firdous
- Love Story (Hindi)
- Starring: Kumar Gaurav, Vijeta Pandit

RAMADAN TIMINGS

- Imrak 3.47 am
- Iftar 6.16 pm

THEATRE

- Reflections
- April 22-27 (8.30 pm): The School of Contemporary Dance will present a repertoire of ballet entitled "Reflections" at the Mousetrap Theatre to celebrate their 15th anniversary. Tickets — KD 4. Box office open from 4-6.30 pm, Sat-Wed; ticket order: answer phone — 5382099, 2-6 pm.
- Hindi play
- MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society, Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati ke Deep", followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact Tel: 4880965; 5623810; 3725627.

HOTELS

- At Ramada Al Salam
- El Bender: offers special iftar and suhoor buffet; Al Gandouf Grill Garden, open in the evenings offers a selection of grills in the ambience of a waterfall.
- Al Mawardi Garden: After iftar, relax in the open-air with a cup of tea or coffee and watch a selection of movies on the big screen.
- At the Holiday Inn
- Coffee Shop: Offers iftar buffet every evening. Babylon and Lobby Cafe: A variety of Arabian sweets and fresh fruits with Jellab juice. Trio Dimension provide music up to 10 pm.
- At the International
- LA PALMA: Iftar buffet from a different country each week; begins in Egypt and goes on to Saudi Arabia, the Emirates and Kuwait. It will be open from 6 pm to 3 am for suhoor.
- At the Plaza
- NOURA Terrace: open from 7 pm to 12 midnight, featuring Lebanese mezzeh and other treats.
- Al Dallah Coffee Shop: offers a la carte or dinner buffet featuring Arabic, Continental or Asian food. Speciality: plat du jour.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 11.00 The Opening
- 11.30 Religious programme: Madras: Mohamedi-ya
- 12.15 Cartoons
- 12.30 Variety cultural film
- 1.00 News in brief
- 1.05 The World via Satellite
- 1.30 Cartoon serial: Touta Fi Elmarikh
- 2.00 Historical serial: Al Nabi Ha Huma
- 3.30 Arabic serial: Daerat Al Nar
- 4.30 Ramadan game show
- 5.00 Arabic serial: Al Rah-haya, Part 12
- 5.50 Religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoon serial: Safinat Al Asdiq
- 7.00 After Iftar
- 7.15 Local children's serial: Al Tamman

- 8.00 Cultural film
- 8.30 Quran and Science
- 9.30 Ramadan games show
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 10.50 Local serial: Aada Walakin: Part 10
- 11.45 Asakum Min Ewada
- 12.00 Arabian serial: Al Thulathiya
- 1.00 Cultural show: interview with Najib Mahfouz

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
Wajif Souq, Al Jajaa St.
Al Rashid Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St., Al Awadhi Building

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hana Pharmacy
Al Nagra/Beirut St., Main Al Nagra Complex

Salmiya and Rumaythiya
Bin Nafis Pharmacy
Hamad Al Mubarak St., Hamad Al Khalifa Building

Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Fajai Pharmacy
Fahsheel, Makkah St., near the Safeway Supermarket

Al Jeleeb
Palestine Pharmacy
Main St., Munaira Obaid Al Rajhi Complex

Jahra
Al Nour Pharmacy
Al Matafi St., Abdul Aziz Al Nasrallah Building



A scene from French feature film Le Chat on KTV 2 at 11.30 pm.

- 2.15 News in Brief
- 2.20 World via Satellite
- 2.50 Closedown

KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Islamic Horizon
- 8.20 Cartoons
- 8.30 Wild America: "Woodpeckers." A look at Woody-Woodpeckers
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.40 Forty Hadith Qudsi
- 9.45 American Basketball

PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.57 am
- Zuhr 11.48
- Asr 3.22 pm
- Maghreb 6.16
- Isha 7.36

- 10.30 Flat 227: Mary and Sandra are at odds with each other in tonight's comedy

- 11.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "The Man Who Knew Too Little." Bill Stewart loses his memory while staying in a hotel.

- 11.30 French feature film: "Le Chat." Starring: Jean Gabin, Simone Signoret, Raymond Dancin. The story of a lonely, ageing couple and their boredom which leads to a terrible tragedy.

- 1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum
RAMADAN timings Sat - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world on show.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

One-Act play
MAY 4-7: IAC is organising a one-act play competition at the IAC auditorium daily at 6.00 pm sharp from May 4 to 7. 12 plays will be staged in seven languages. For further details and entry passes contact Tel. Nos. 3904817, 3910165, 3903879, 2644863, 5622599.

SOCIAL

Filipino Cultural Show
DANCERS, singers and backstage helpers are needed for a Filipino cultural show, due to be held in June. Contact the Filipino Cultural Club for details or call Florence 2439451/2423171; Lito Matiga-2417965/2417767.

KAPILKU meeting
APRIL 17: There will be an officers' meeting at Holiday Inn Hotel at 7.30 pm. Topics to be discussed are as follows: Palarong Pilipino; solicitation and sponsors/donors; Souvenir; and programmes.

Kuwait Little Theatre
April 20: KLT, Ahmadi, will present entertainment to celebrate the St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadi, in the presence of the British ambas-

sador. Tickets KD2 including buffet. Tel: 3983724, 3985964, 3919759.

Bayanihan
APRIL 21: A get-together for KAPILKU members will be held at the Church Hall from 2.30 to 6.30 pm. All Filipinos are welcome. Free admission.

Summer Affair '89
MAY 6: The Weekend Club will hold the Summer Affair 89 at Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers in attendance. Highlights: Jive contest, gala buffet and selection of Summer Queen contest. Tel: Hilary Baretto 5741380 (2-7.30 pm); Julio 5734513 (5 pm onwards); and Mercedes 4890566 (from 3 pm).

Annual Get-together
MAY 8: Kuwait chapter of International Pakistani professionals and businessmen will hold their annual get-together at the SAS Hotel Grand Ballroom at 7.00 pm. For further details ring 2425315.

Remo's Show
MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold a dinner-musical at the SAS Hotel. Remo, India's pop-star will be the star performer. City Limits and Perfect Strangers in attendance. For details call Tony 2415439; Wilson - 3918905 (office hours); Val - 5614504 after 2 pm.

May Queen
May 11: Kuwait Goans will crown the May Queen at Messilah Beach Hotel. Top Ranks and Next of Kin in attendance. Highlights of the evening will be Alexandre Rosario's performance. For details call 2413348; 4881387.

Casuals Cricket Club
MAY 18: 8 pm. Messilah Beach Hotel: Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements - 5333248; or Val Tudball - 5327159.

Kuwait Caledonians
MAY 18: Messilah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celebration" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

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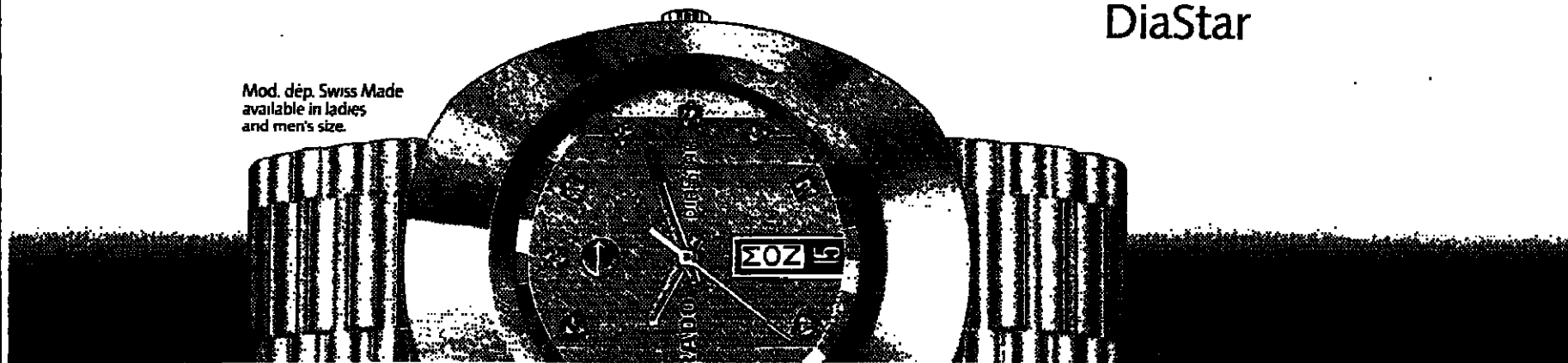
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Fans scramble to escape



Fans are hoisted clear of the overcrowded terraces. (Reuters wirephoto)



A soccer spectator lies unconscious on a make-shift stretcher. (Reuters wirephoto)



Volunteers help the injured fans. (Reuters wirephoto)



One of the injured fans is rushed to the hospital. (Reuters wirephoto)

FA Cup semifinal turns into nightmare

SHEFFIELD, England. (Reuters) Frantic soccer fans climbed spiked fences and scrambled over corpses to escape an overcrowded stadium terrace which turned into a death trap on Saturday, killing more than 90 people.

"I was at the front and stuck up against the fence. There were railings down either side. It was like being in a cage," one fan said. "I thought I was going to die. I was getting short of breath. I couldn't breathe. The weight on me was tremendous." Stuart McGeagh, 22, said of the scene at Hillsborough stadium.

"We eventually got out onto the pitch and we tried to get other people out, but the police were pulling us back saying they would sort it out. It seemed as if it was four deep in dead bodies with people climbing over them," McGeagh said.

Poured

Spectators, some apparently without valid tickets, poured into the enclosure reserved for fans of Liverpool at their FA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest, one of the key showpiece games in English soccer this year. Six minutes into the game, the fans tumbled forward helplessly into disaster. Most of those who died were crushed or asphyxiated.

More than 50,000 people filled the stadium, one of Britain's premier soccer venues, on one of the warmest days this year. Television cameras at the

ground showed bewildered fans climbing over each other and clawing over the blue fencing to escape.

Helping hands pushed trapped youngsters over the railings into the arms of waiting police. Others scrambled up sheer concrete walls to reach the safety of balcony seats above.

"We were like caged animals in a zoo," said 17-year-old fan Mark Meller.

Eyewitnesses said people were pinned to the ground, their arms waving frantically as spectators surged forward, crushing those in front against barriers which gave way to the pressure.

Fans screamed as they lost their footing and found themselves pinned against steel mesh. Others rushed to the back of the terrace in a frantic bid to escape.

Survive

Pointing to a twisted crush barrier, Dr Bill Eastwood said: "Anybody whose chest was against that barrier would have been lucky to survive. It was a steel tube bent like a banana."

"There were so many people in the ground, in that part of the ground, that nobody could even move to get out," said Dr Glyn Phillips, who helped resuscitate some of the injured.

Distraught survivors walked around in a daze trying to find friends and relatives lost in the crowd.

Amidst the confusion, a teenage girl stood in a corner and wept.



A Liverpool fan screams as she is pinioned against a crush barrier. (Reuters wirephoto)

Another disaster hits soccer

SATURDAY'S soccer tragedy at Sheffield in England is one of the worst of a series of disasters that have plagued the sport both in Britain and abroad.

The worst death toll at a soccer ground occurred in May 1964 when more than 300 fans died in a riot in Lima during a Peru versus Argentina Olympic games qualifying match.

The trouble started after Peru had a goal disallowed. Police used tear gas to repel a mob, and spectators fleeing from the trouble were crushed against locked exit gates.

Crush

In March last year, 70 soccer fans were trampled to death in a stampede at Nepal's national stadium in Kathmandu. The spectators rushed for cover during a violent hailstorm, but the stadium exits were locked.

In Scotland, 66 people died at Glasgow Rangers' home ground in January 1971 in a crowd crush involving fans trying to leave the stadium and others trying to return when they heard a late goal had been scored.

May 1985 was a black month for soccer with stadium disasters in Belgium, England and Mexico. On May 11, 56 people were burned to death and more than 200 injured when fire engulfed the main stand at Bradford stadium in England.

Eighteen days later, 39 fans, most of them Italian, were crushed or trampled to death in rioting involving Liverpool and Juventus supporters at a European Cup final at Brussel's Heysel stadium. Over 400 people were injured.

On May 26, 10 people were trampled to death and 29 injured in a crowd panic at the Olympic stadium in Mexico City.



A man weeps openly outside the gate of the stadium. (Reuters wirephoto)

death



A grieving fan sits amongst the wreckage. (Reuters wirephoto)

British authorities under fire

BRITISH Sunday newspapers were scathing in their condemnation of English soccer authorities after Saturday's worst-ever stadium disaster in which 94 people were crushed to death.

"Despite disaster after disaster, nothing seems to shake the complacency or incompetence of those who run the country's most popular spectator sport," the Sunday Times said in a special front-page editorial.

"Soccer stadiums, and their administration, remain a disgrace. They are filthy, dangerous places that spectators only put up with because of their enthusiasm for what happens on the pitch."

The Sunday Times said Glasgow Rangers had built a modern stadium with virtually all-seated accommodation after the 1971 Ibrox disaster in which 66 people died.

"Clubs that cannot afford to follow this example do not deserve to be in first-class football," the paper said.

"Otherwise football will continue to be a slum sport played in slum conditions, and yesterday's tragic events will be repeated."

Shocking

The Sunday Telegraph also devoted a front-page editorial to the disaster, saying the most shocking aspect of the latest football tragedy was that it came as no surprise.

"Patently the authorities have failed. They have no idea what to do. Inquiries are set up after each successive tragedy. New precautions are decreed. But to no avail," the Sunday Telegraph said.

"Football calamities are becoming as much a natural part of Britain's fate as earthquakes in South America or famine in India."

Scotland's Sunday Mail said once again sports reporters had ended up as war correspondents "counting the dead as they were removed in full view of the cameras."



An injured fan lies on the ground. (Reuters wirephoto)

World leaders send sympathy and warnings on Sheffield soccer disaster

WORLD leaders and soccer officials sent sympathy to Britain for the victims of the Sheffield stadium disaster on Saturday in which 94 people died and 200 were injured when a crowd surged onto the packed terrace.

But soccer officials in Italy said the tragedy raised a question mark over a decision by the

European Football Union on Tuesday to allow English clubs back in European competition in 1990-91.

The clubs were banned in 1985 after 39 mainly Italian fans died after a rampage by English fans at a European cup final in Brussels Heysel stadium between Liverpool and Juventus.

Italy's Soccer Federation chief Antonio Matarrese said the tragedy raised 'grave questions' about the decision to let English clubs return to European competition.

Shocked

In Turin, Giovanni Boniperti, president of Juventus, said he was shocked and speechless at

the Sheffield tragedy.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain spoke of an "unfortunate catastrophe" in a telegram to Queen Elizabeth and said: "Soft and I send you and all the nation the expression of our most sincere regrets," they said.

French President Francois Mitterrand told British Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher: "I have been deeply moved by the Sheffield drama and assure you and the families of the victims of my personal condolences."

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, attending a foreign ministers meeting in Granada, Spain, sent condolences to the families of the victims.

"It's a very dark, sad day for soccer," said Jim Trecker, press officer for the US World Cup Association, which will host the World Cup in 1994.

There were calls for improved safety rules at sporting events.

In Brazil, Tele Santana, the country's coach in the 1982 and 1986 World Cups, told Reuters:

"An accident of this nature is a great setback for soccer."

"This tragedy should remind the organizers of mass-sports events that the spectators' safety is their first duty."

"They should improve safety rules in stadiums and make sure they are kept," said Senator Fernando de la Rúa.

South American soccer authorities due to meet in Asuncion next week said they may adopt a rule that no standing tickets be sold at the region's Libertadores Cup, now in playoffs.

In Peru, the Sheffield tragedy evoked memories of the world's worst stadium disaster in the national stadium in Lima in 1964.

SPORTS

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Real lose their first match of the season

MADRID, April 16, (Reuters): Spanish League leaders Real Madrid suffered their first defeat of the season yesterday, going down 2-0 away to Celso Vigo.

Real, playing three reserves ahead of their European Cup semi-final clash at AC Milan on Wednesday, lost international midfielder Michael Gonzalez in the first half with a foot injury.

top of the League, reducing Real's lead to three points.

Celso dominated the game and Real, taking no chances and handicapped by the absence of star striker Emilio Butragueno, out with 'flu, failed to find their rhythm.

They suffered the first blow only seconds into the game when Celso's Brazilian striker Amarildo Souza intercepted a pass from Manuel Sanchez to Real's goalkeeper Francisco Bufo and drove the ball home.

Souza scored again in the 25th minute when he took advantage of a mistake by defender Miguel Tendillo and chipped the ball to the right of the goalkeeper.

Barcelona played a colourless home tie against Valladolid, notching up their fourth game without score.

Before the match started, the Camp Nou Stadium observed a minute's silence for the victims of the Sheffield soccer tragedy in northern England.

Everton reach Cup final

Arsenal move three points clear

LONDON, April 16, (Reuters): Everton reached their fourth English Football Association (FA) Cup final in six years yesterday but their success was overshadowed by tragedy at the second semifinal where 94 fans were reported to have died.

Everton, 11th in the First Division, beat third-placed Norwich 1-0 at Villa Park, Birmingham, thanks to a 26th minute goal by Scottish international winger Pat Nevin. The win secured their place in the final at Wembley on May 20 and follows their recent final appearances in 1984, 1985 and 1986.



Dale Gordon of Norwich (left) beats Everton's Paul Bracewell to the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

But their joy was marred by the deaths at Hillsborough, Sheffield, where Liverpool's semifinal against Nottingham Forest was stopped after six minutes and abandoned 72 minutes later.

The match was halted when Liverpool fans packed behind one goal spilled onto the pitch while the police and emergency services swept into action.

Frustrated

Scottish Premier Division leaders Glasgow Rangers were frustrated in their bid to reach the Scottish Cup final and Arsenal regained the leadership of the English First Division.

Rangers were held to a 0-0 draw by Scottish First Division side St Johnstone. Arsenal beat relegation-threatened Newcastle 1-0 with a goal from winger Brian Marwood.

Everton appearing in a record 22nd FA Cup semifinal, owed their victory to a large slice of luck when Norwich midfielder Ian Crook miskicked a clearance which bounced off the bar and went over, presenting Nevin with a close-range opportunity.

Norwich, deprived of their

captain Michael Phelan through injury and of Scottish striker Robert Fleck, whose father died on Friday, performed boldly and adventurously without any reward.

In the English First Division Marwood's goal against Newcastle lifted Arsenal three points ahead of Liverpool but left the visitors struggling among the relegation-haunted sides at the bottom.

West Ham, last in the table, were virtually doomed to Second Division next season by a 2-1 home defeat by struggling Southampton.

Results

English Football Association (FA) Cup semifinals

Everton	1	Norwich	0
Liverpool	0	St Johnstone	0

At Hillsborough, match abandoned after seven minutes.

English Division One

Arsenal	1	Newcastle	0
Luton	2	Coventry	2
Manchester U	0	Derby	2
Queens P.R.	0	Middlesbrough	2
West Ham	1	Southampton	2

Postponed from March 18

Wimbledon	1	Tottenham	2
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Postponed: Aston Villa v Southampton, Everton v Charlton, Nottingham Forest v West Ham, Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich

English Division Two

Barrow	0	Birmingham	0
Blackburn	4	Manchester	0
Bournemouth	0	Stoke	0
Bradford	2	Ipswich	2
Crystal P	2	Portsmouth	0
Leeds	1	Brighton	0
Leicester	2	Chelsea	0
Oldham	2	Sunderland	2
Sheff Wed	2	Oxford	1
Swindon	1	Watford	1
Walsall	1	Hull	1
West Bromwich	2	Plymouth	2

English Division Three

Aldershot	1	Wolves	2
Barnet	0	Derlington	1
Bristol C	1	Blackpool	1
Bury	1	Cardiff	0
Chesham	1	Port Vale	2
Fulham	1	Bolton	1
Gillingham	3	Mansfield	0
Huddersfield	3	Chesham	0
Northampton	1	Sheff U	2
Preston	3	Nottingham	0
Swansea	1	Wigan	2
Southend	2	Reading	1

English Division Four

Barrow	1	Cambridge	1
Carlisle	0	Rotherham	0
Exeter	0	Hemel	1
Grimsby	1	Hereford	1
Harrogate	2	Tranmere	2
Leyton O	3	Torquay	1
Lincoln	1	Colchester	1
Peterborough	1	Wrexham	0
Scarborough	1	Southport	0
Crewe	3	Rochdale	0
Doncaster	2	Stockport	2
Halifax	0	York	0

Scottish Football Association (FA) Cup semifinals

Rangers	0	St Johnstone	0
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Playing today: Celtic v Hibernian, Motherwell v Celtic, Rangers v Dundee United

Scottish Division One

Dumfries	1	Morton	0
Falkirk	1	Clyde	1
Forfar	1	Clydebank	2
Kilmarnock	1	Raith	2
Partick	2	Meadowbank	1
Queen of S	1	Ayr	2

Postponed: Airdrieonians v St Johnstone

Scottish Division Two

Berwick	0	Cowdenbeath	0
Dunbarton	1	Buchan	1
East Fife	1	Stenhousemuir	1
E. Stirling	2	Alloa	0
Montrose	1	Arbroath	1
Stranraer	0	Albion	0
Stranraer	3	Queen's Park	3

Robertson stuns Jansher

Jahangir sails into semifinals

LONDON, April 16, (Reuters): Former world champion Jansher Khan failed to get beyond the quarterfinals of the British Open squash tournament for the second year running yesterday.

Second seeded Jansher crashed out after a humiliating 3-4 9-6 9-0 defeat by Australian Chris Robertson in just 46 minutes.

Jansher had been seeded to meet his rival and fellow-Pakistani Jahangir Khan, an easy winner yesterday, in tomorrow's final.

But world number six Robertson spoiled his plans, collecting the biggest win of his career as he demolished compatriot Rodney Martin, who put Jansher out at the quarterfinal stage last year.

Robertson now has a semifinal date with Martin, the fifth seed, who caused an upset of his own when he beat Chris Dittmar of Australia, the world number three, 10-9 9-7 2-9 9-1.

Defending champion Jahangir dropped only two points as he swept into the semifinals by breezing past fellow-countryman Umar Hayat Khan in just 32 minutes.

Jahangir, chasing a record-equalling eighth British Open title, won 9-0 9-2 9-0 and now faces fourth seed Ross Norman of New Zealand who beat Martin's brother Brett 9-7 10-9 9-6.

Norman ended Jahangir's unbeaten run of 5-1/2 years when he took the world title in Toulouse, France, in November

1986 but has not beaten him since.

New Zealand's Sue Devoy remained on course for her sixth successive women's crown, needing just 24 minutes to defeat former world junior champion Robyn Lambourne of Australia 9-6 9-1 9-1 in the quarterfinals.

Australia's Liz Irving, beaten by Devoy in last year's final, faces the top-seeded New Zealander in the semifinals after defeating Ireland's Rebecca Best 9-6 9-2 9-5.

Britain's Martine le Moignan, who deposed Devoy as world champion last month, negotiated the quarter-finals in 24 minutes like the New Zealander, beating Australia's Michelle Martin 9-3 9-4 9-2.

Johnson may run again for Canada

MONTREAL, April 16, (AP): Ben Johnson may yet be able to run for Canada at the 1992 Olympics despite his positive test for steroids at the Seoul Games last fall, Canadian Olympic Association president Roger Jackson says.

"I think there's a possibility of that. Yes," said Jackson yesterday.

Jackson said the results of a Canadian inquiry into the use of banned drugs in sport would be reviewed by the association to determine if Johnson could run again.

Johnson, who tested positive for steroids after winning the 100 metres in world record time in Seoul, was banned for life by Federal Sports Minister Jean Charest, but Jackson said it was unclear what the ban meant.



International Gymnastics Competition

Daniela Silivas of Romania performs her balance beam routine at the International Gymnastics Competition in Paris. Silivas outpaced her competition in this event. Silivas was also second in the technical floor sequence. (Reuters wirephoto)

Napoli blast Fiorentina

Lecce hold Milan

ROME, April 16, (Reuters): Andrea Carnevale scored two second half goals to help Napoli to a convincing 3-1 away win over Fiorentina in the Italian First Division yesterday but AC Milan were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw at Lecce.

Both clubs were playing their matches a day early to ensure maximum rest time before Wednesday's tough European semifinal, second leg matches.

Ahead

The results left the League standings unchanged with leaders Internazionale, who play Pescara on Sunday, still a comfortable five points ahead of Napoli and defending champions AC Milan remaining third.

Napoli, 2-0 winners against Bayern Munich in the first leg of the UEFA Cup semifinal, kept Diego Maradona on the bench for the first half yesterday despite protests by the Argentine World Cup captain that he had recovered fully from the thigh strain that has plagued him for the past month.

Brazil's Careca opened the scoring with a curling 25th minute goal from a free kick but Fiorentina came back 20 minutes later through Davide Pellegrini.

Carnevale scored 10 minutes into the second half and again in the 68th minute after intercepting a sloppy Fiorentina pass.

Fallen

Dutch international Ruud Gullit provided the sparkle at Lecce but AC Milan, who face Real Madrid at home in the European Cup after a 1-1 away tie, failed to break a strong defence and find the elusive winning goal.

Gullit twice came close to scoring in the opening minutes but Lecce went ahead in the fifth through Paolo Benedetti from a corner. Antonio Viridis levelled for Milan 20 minutes later off a pass from European Footballer of the Year Marco van Basten.

Bassa retains world crown

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, April 16, (Reuters): Colombian Fidel Bassa retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title and his unbeaten professional record by stopping Panamanian Julio Gudino in the sixth round early today.

Venezuelan referee Isidro Rodriguez halted the contest after Bassa caught Gudino with a hard left hand punch and followed up with a flurry of blows which drove Gudino back onto the ropes.

Gudino began to look tired in the third round after Bassa punched open a cut over the Panamanian's left eyebrow.

La Rocca wins

VASTO, Italy, April 16, (Reuters): Nino La Rocca of Italy beat Britain's Kirkland Laing on a unanimous points decision yesterday to take the vacant European welterweight boxing title.

La Rocca, a 30-year-old Mauritanian-born naturalised Italian, was preferred 117-113 by the referee and 116-114 and 120-116 by the two judges over the 34-year-old Laing.

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SPORTS

Larkins hits first ton of season

LONDON, April 16, (Reuters): Wayne Larkins struck the first century of the English cricket season yesterday, compiling 126 for Northamptonshire against Oxford University on the opening day at Oxford.

He also played himself into the record books as the first Northamptonshire batsman to score centuries against all 16 other counties and the two major universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Larkins survived a chance at 76 when he was dropped at square leg and reached his hundred with a six off Mike Kilborn as he piloted the county side towards a total of 356 for six at Oxford's Parks Ground.

In the showpiece curtain-raiser to the season at Lord's, Tim Curtis and Gordon Lord steered reigning county champions Worcestershire towards a first day total of 256 for two in their four-day match

against the MCC.

They put on 176 for the first wicket before left-hander Lord was dismissed for 80 when wicket-keeper Jack Russell dived to his right to hold a low chance off Angus Fraser.

Test batsman Curtis fell for 92, also caught by Russell off a delivery from left-arm spinner Keith Medleycott.

Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick (35 not out) and Damian D'Oliveira (19 not out) shared an unbeaten third-wicket stand of 51 before the close in front of a crowd of over 3,000, including England's new chairman of selectors Ted Dexter.

Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris hit 102 against Cambridge University to lead his side to a total of 307 at Cambridge's Fenner's ground. Mark Mullins took five wickets for 77 in his first game for the university.

W. Indies fight back

Ayub takes three wickets

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 16, (Reuters): Two fine fifties by Desmond Haynes and Gus Logie helped West Indies to reach a respectable 237 for five on the first day of the third cricket Test against India yesterday.

West Indies, 1-0 up in the series after winning the second Test following a draw in the first, were put in to bat on a slow wicket which had a surfeit of grass and was far from ideal for a Test match.

Logie's unbeaten 63 was responsible for guiding West Indies away from the uncertain position of 146 for four when he came to the wicket.

The prolific Haynes provided the early impetus with an attacking 65 scored in just under three hours.

Logie and Keith Arthurton put on 70 for the fifth wicket in 28 overs before Arthurton was well caught at silly point by substitute Robin Singh high above his head to give Arshad Ayub a deserved third wicket.

Arthurton had found runs hard to come by, scoring 37 in 237 minutes.

Logie reached his first 50 in the Caribbean for five Tests and hit seven fours. Jeff Dujon was not out with him at the close on five, having been dropped on nought by wicket-keeper Kiran More for Ravi Shastri.

India had achieved an early breakthrough in Kapil Dev's sixth over when Gordon Green-



Ayub: three for 80

idge got an edge to an outswinger and was caught behind by More for 21.

Haynes and Richie Richardson wrestled back the initiative with a stand of 47 in 16 overs before Ayub, on the stroke of lunch, dismissed Richardson for the fourth successive time in the series.

Richardson top-edged a sweep to deep backward square and was out for 15.

The important wicket of the in-form Haynes fell midway through the afternoon session when Shastri had him magnificently caught by Wookeri Raman for 65, including seven fours.

Raman, who ran in 25 metres and dived full-length to hold another top-edged sweep, hurt

his ankle in the process and did no further fielding.

Viv Richards, without a 50 in the Caribbean in any kind of cricket for a year, pulled Shastri twice for four and drove Ayub through mid-wicket for the shot of the day.

But the West Indian captain looked well below his best in his 45-minute innings and was dismissed for 19 by the persistent Ayub, bowled trying to cut a quicker delivery that was too close to his off stump.

Logie immediately announced his intention to attack, hitting Shastri for four with a power belying his slight frame. The 50 partnership with Arthurton took only 17 overs.

Both batsmen used their feet well to the spinners, helping to ensure that the final session was the most profitable after 80 runs in the morning session and 75 in the afternoon.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings:
G. Greenidge c More b Kapil Dev 21
D. Haynes c Raman b Shastri 65
R. Richardson c Hirwani b Ayub 15
K. Arthurton c sub (Singh) b Ayub 37
V. Richards b Ayub 19
A. Logie not out 63
J. Dujon not out 5
Extras (b-4 lb-3 nb-5) 12
Total (for five) 237
To bat: M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, L. Bishop, C. Walsh.
Fall of wickets: 1-33 2-80 3-118 4-165 5-216
Bowling: Kapil Dev 13-5-31-1, C. Sharma 6-1-23-0, Ayub 38-8-88-3, Shastri 18-4-43-1, Hirwani 18-0-53-0

Thrilling finishers return for Boston marathon

BOSTON, April 16, (Reuters): A reprise of last year's thrilling finish could be in the offing for the 93rd running of the Boston marathon tomorrow as defender Ibrahim Hussein of Kenya and runner-up Juma Ikangaa of Tanzania return to lead a strong field.

Last year Hussein and Ikangaa duelled neck and neck with the Kenyan taking the title by just one second in the second fastest finish on record for the world's oldest annual marathon — two hours eight minutes 43 seconds.

Holds

Besides the anticipated men's duel, the world's two fastest women marathoners will be competing — Norway's Ingrid Kristiansen, who holds the woman's world best, and American Joan Benoit Samuel-

son, who has the second fastest time.

Joining Hussein and Ikangaa in the men's field will be Ireland's John Treacy, last year's third place finisher, Ethiopian Abebe Mekonnen, this year's Tokyo marathon winner, and Japan's Takeyuki Nakayama and Jun-itsu Itoh.

A big disappointment this year is the absence of Britain's Steve Jones, winner of last year's New York marathon. Jones announced last week that he would not be able to race because of a flareup of tendinitis in his right leg.

Also missing is New Zealand's Robe de Castella, who set the course record of 2:07:51 in 1986. De Castella is skipping Boston to run in the London marathon next week.



Leonard prepares for June 12 fight

Sugar Ray Leonard flexes his muscles before a capacity crowd on Saturday at his training camp at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, where he is preparing for his June 12 bout with Thomas Hearns. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mangalore hold off Nagao I

MANGALORE BROS beat Nagao I 5-3 in a penalty shoot-out to move ahead in the Tivim Centre's 2nd annual 9-a-side Inter Village Football Tournament, being played at the Sour grounds, on Friday.

The match started with raids by both the sides on each other's goal. Mangalore were the first to score when Ijaz scored on a pass from Issac.

Nagao got the equaliser four minutes later off a penalty kick, awarded when Sunil handled the ball. Donnie scored off the spot.

Donnie made it 2-1 for Nagao when his shot was deflected by a Mangalore defender into the goal. The first half ended at the same score.

Thwarted

Mangalore tried hard to get the equaliser in the early minutes of the second half but were thwarted by a strong Nagao defence until the 14th minute, when Eric scored to put the sides on even terms. Eric's goal came off a corner kick taken by Martin.

In the ensuing penalty shoot-out, Mangalore emerged victorious.

On Friday, Nagao meet Little Goa at 4.15 pm.

Cup qualifier

SYDNEY, April 16, (Reuters): Israel and Australia drew 1-1 (halftime 1-0) in the final World Cup Oceania/Israel group second round qualifying match today.

Stewart takes three-stroke lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., April 16, (Reuters): Payne Stewart took a three-shot lead over fellow-American Kenny Perry before the third round of the Heritage Classic was suspended yesterday because of darkness following a long rain delay.

Stewart and Perry, playing in the last group of the day, had completed 11 holes when play was suspended.

Shared

Eighteen players were left on the harbour town links course and were to complete their rounds this morning before playing the final 18 holes.

Stewart and Perry, who had

shared the first-round lead, started the third round tied at the top of the leaderboard at 10-under-par 132. Three strokes back were their compatriots Mark McCumber and Rocco Mediate.

Stewart and Perry were tied at 12-under-par through eight holes, but then Perry bogeyed the ninth as they made the turn.

Both parred the 10th hole but Stewart birdied to go 13 under par and Perry bogeyed, dropping back to 10 under.

McCumber moved up when he

birdied the 11th hole to go nine under par and was alone in third place. Bernhard Langer of West Germany, after birdies at 13 and

14, was seven under.

Masters champion Nick Faldo of Britain shot a four-under-par 67 for one-under-par 212 total.

Mentally

"It's been a roller-coaster week," said Faldo, who beat American Scott Hoch on the second hole of sudden-death to win the Masters last Sunday.

"I'm mentally and physically tired but no matter what happens, I'm still very happy."

Faldo eagled the par 5 fifth hole by reaching the green in two and holing a putt of 20 feet. He also birdied the third and 12th holes.

Rainey gets pole position

Gardner third fastest

MONTEREY, Calif., April 16, (Reuters): American rider Wayne Rainey put his 500cc Yamaha on the pole for today's US Grand Prix when he improved on his day-old track lap record at the Laguna Seca raceway on Saturday.

Rainey, who leads the world championship standings after two races in the 15-race series, circled the twisting 3.534-km track in one minute 27.120 seconds for an average speed of 146.031 kph.

American Kevin Schwantz, winner of the season's first race, rode his Suzuki to the second time by averaging 145.555 kph. Third fastest was Wayne Gardner of Australia on a Honda in a speed of 145.389 kph.

Filling out the five-bike front row for the start of the season's third race will be Australian Kevin Magee and France's Christian Sarron, both on Yamahas.

Gardner moved up to second in yesterday's first timed session but crashed in his first tour around the circuit in the second session.

"It locked up in the straight and threw me off," said Gardner, who won last week's race. "It's not a good thing."

In the 250cc class, American John Kocinski, who won the season opener after securing the pole, won the pole for today's race with a lap of 141.791 on his Yamaha.

Salov beats Illescas

BARCELONA, April 16, (Reuters): Spain's Miguel Illescas conceded defeat to Soviet grandmaster Valery Salov as adjourned games were completed in the World Chess Cup yesterday.

Illescas resigned their 11th round match without resuming. Artur Yusupov of the Soviet Union and Britain's Jonathan Speelman agreed to draw their adjourned 12th round encounter without further play.

Standings after 13 rounds:

1. Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) — nine points and one game more
2. Nigel Short (Britain) — 8.5 and one game more
3. Garry Kasparov (Soviet Union) — eight points
4. Robert Huebner (West Germany) — 7-1/2 points
5. Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland), Valery Salov (Soviet Union) and Artur Yusupov (Soviet Union) — 6-1/2 points

Graf and Sabatini to clash in final

Navratilova loses to Argentine teenager



Graf hits a forehand volley against Sanchez. (Reuters wirephoto)

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla., April 16, (Reuters): Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini advanced to the singles final of the Amelia Island women's tournament by identical scores yesterday, giving Graf a chance to settle a score today.

Graf, the world number one, beat sixth seed Arantxa Sanchez of Spain 6-3 6-2, while third-seeded Sabatini subdued second seed Martina Navratilova by the same count in the semifinals of the \$300,000 tournament.

Avenge

The victory extended Graf's unbeaten record this year to 31 matches and the final affords her the opportunity to avenge one of her rare defeats in 1988.

Last year Sabatini beat the West German 6-3 4-6 7-5 on these same clay courts for her second victory of the year against Graf, who lost only three times while winning 72 matches in her Grand Slam season.

"Last year was my best match against Graf, it was the most emotional," said Sabatini, who has won only twice in 17 matches against Graf. "This is another year and we both have improved a lot. I think I'll have a good chance."

Graf did not give Sanchez much of a chance yesterday, winning the first five games of the match. The 19-year-old with the booming forehand fell a bit from perfection as she dropped serve for the first time in the tournament when Sanchez broke in the seventh game of the opening set.

"Tomorrow (against Sabatini) will be much the same as today," Graf said. "They both like to play a topspin game from the baseline. Since it's tougher competition, I know I have to play well."

Navratilova found the topspin groundstrokes from the Argentine teenager too difficult to handle on clay courts made heavier by a long rain.

Passing

"She took away my serve-and-volley game," Navratilova said. "She hit great passing shots down the line. I couldn't serve-and-volley, and I couldn't stay back. What was I going to do?"

Navratilova said Sabatini's topspin was "jumping off the court."

"I was overrunning the ball," the former world number one said. "On one return, I almost whiffed (missed) the ball."



McEnroe (right) and Borg smile after receiving flowers and wooden pagoda gifts. (Reuters wirephoto)

Borg loses last match

TOKYO, April 16, (Reuters): Five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg ended his final exhibition match with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 loss to American John McEnroe in Hiroshima, western Japan, yesterday.

Borg, occasionally displaying strong strokes, took three consecutive games to clinch the second set but yielded to McEnroe two sets to one before a crowd of 2,000.

McEnroe, achieved a complete sweep of their four-game reunion exhibition series which was also played in Singapore, Manila and Taipei. McEnroe, now ranked sixth in the world, ended Borg's run of five successive Wimbledon titles in 1981.

"I am glad I could play my final with McEnroe," Borg said afterwards. "I'd like to continue to involve myself in tennis in the future, too."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rugby tour

JOHANNESBURG, April 16, (Reuters): South African rugby chief Danie Craven has high hopes that a world team will play in South Africa this season after the International Rugby Board (IRB) gave its approval last week for a centenary tour. "This decision holds a lot of promise," Craven, president of the South African Rugby Union (SARU), told Johannesburg's Sunday Star newspaper. "I'm very optimistic that a tour will take place."

Kim triumphs

SEOUL, April 16, (Reuters): Kim Bong-Jun of South Korea won the World Boxing Association (WBA) minimumweight title when he stopped Agustin Garcia of Colombia in the seventh round of a one-sided contest in Pohang today.

Marathon race

MILAN, Italy, April 16, (Reuters): Sus Marchiano of the United States improved her personal best time yesterday to win a World Marathon Cup race in two hours 30 minutes and 38 seconds.

Player leads

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona, April 16, (AP): Gary Player shot an even-par 72 and took a one-stroke lead over Gene Littler, Don Bies and Bob Erickson going into today's final round of the tradition, a new \$600,000 tournament on the Senior PGA Tour.

Convincing wins

HOUSTON, April 16, (UPI): Magnus Gustafsson and Bruno Oresar of Yugoslavia delivered convincing semifinal victories yesterday to reach the final of the American Capital Invitational.

Semifinal games

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 16, (Reuters): Top seed Luiz Mattar of Brazil and third seed Martin Jaito of Argentina qualified for the final of the \$230,000 Rio de Janeiro Open tennis tournament by winning their semifinal matches yesterday.

Cannes Open

CANNES, France, April 16, (Reuters): First-year British professional Paul Broadhurst was declared the winner of the Cannes Open golf tournament today after the final round was abandoned when torrential rain flooded the Mougins course.

King's Cup

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 16, (AP): East Germany won the team championship at the 15th King's Cup international amateur boxing tournament yesterday, edging the traditionally dominant Soviet boxers. East German boxers won four of the 12 division titles, while the Soviet Union and Thailand each won three.

Volleyball tourney

HIROSHIMA, April 16, (AP): Japan's Nippon Steel today captured the men's title, beating South Korea's Coryo Securities in the final match of the Hiroshima Peace Cup volleyball tournament. Nippon Steel beat Coryo 15-9, 8-15, 15-13, 15-7 at the Hiroshima Prefectural gymnasium. Coryo finished second.

Yachting event

ALASSIO, Italy, April 16, (Reuters): Stig Westergaard of Denmark won the Gold Cup World Finn Class Yachting Championship yesterday, returning to reclaim the title he held two years ago.

Garcia beaten

TOKYO, April 16, (UPI): Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation junior middleweight champion Carlos Elliott of the United States scored a technical knockout over Filipino welterweight Archie Garcia in the third round of a 10-round fight in Tokyo last night.

Soviets win

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 16, (AP): Rookie Sergei Fedorov scored two goals yesterday as the Soviet Union defeated a surprisingly strong United States 4-2 in the first round of the World Hockey Championships.

Soccer violence

ALGIERS, April 16, (Reuters): Two hundred teenager soccer fans attacked the referee, players, club officials and police on the pitch at the end of an Algerian Second Division match on Friday, the official news agency APS reported yesterday.

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